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**On 9/11 Anniversary, Moments
Of Silence And Reflection**

A firefighter stands near the entrance to the 9/11 Memorial during the 12th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013 in New York.
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Michael Ollis was not even in high school when terrorists slammed jetliners into the World Trade Center towers.

This summer, 12 years later, he was serving his third combat tour with the U.S. Army when insurgents attacked his base in Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. Ollis, 24, a Staten Island native, was killed. He was one of 92 New Yorkers who enlisted after 9/11 and died in battles that were spawned in the smoldering rubble of ground zero.

As the families of those killed on 9/11 gathered Wednesday morning in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia to mark the anniversary of the attacks, Ollis' death, one of thousands during a decade of war, offered a reminder that the costs of what happened 12 years ago are still being borne across the globe.

And with the nation once again in the midst of a debate about America's role in the world and the wisdom of launching military strikes, the memorial ceremonies offered not just an occasion to pay tribute, but a moment to take stock.

Edwin Aviles, 41, who lives in Brooklyn and was working near ground zero just before the memorial Wednesday, said time had done little to ease his sense that there are enemies looking to harm New York.

"I don't think anything has changed," he said. "Just like then, just like now we got to stay on point. Got to stay on top of everyone else. Anything can happen at any given moment."

Others noted that it was on the anniversary last year that the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was attacked and Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and three others were killed. On Wednesday morning, a car bomb exploded outside the Libyan foreign ministry in Benghazi, causing no casualties, according to state media, but of-

fering a reminder that the day holds significance for extremists as well.

But in New York, the anniversary itself now has taken on the familiarity of routine. Bruni Sandoval has come each year to remember her friend, Nereida De Jesus. "It helps a little," she said.

Families began to gather quietly between the reflecting pools, the rush of water and the distant sounds of bagpipes the only sounds rising above the crowd.

The ceremony at ground zero was to begin with bagpipers and drummers; the Brooklyn Youth Chorus was to perform the national anthem.

rupting the reading of the names - twice to mark the time when each tower fell and to mark the moments of the attacks on the Pentagon and on Flight 93, which crashed into a field in Pennsylvania.

The ceremony will also be the last over which Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg presides.

Elected to office just weeks after the attacks, Bloomberg has taken a forceful role in shaping New York's efforts both to honor its dead and to rebuild ground zero.

He will continue to play a role, in his capacity as the chairman of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum foundation.

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As Obama, who was elected on a promise to disentangle the country from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, has tried to rally a war-weary nation to support a possible military intervention in Syria, he has been met with resistance. Meanwhile, Bashar Assad, the Syrian leader who the Obama administration contends used chemical weapons to kill his own people, invoked the memory of 9/11 in warning against an attack on his country.

Such a strike, he told the broadcaster Charlie Rose, would help "the same people that killed Americans on the 11th of September."

squarely in the cross hairs of global terrorism," he said.

"This is a time for vigilance, not complacency."

In Lower Manhattan, healing the physical scars of the attack has been slow but progress is now evident. The wildly over-optimistic promises of a decade ago are starting to take shape, even if they are still under construction.

In the past year, the city celebrated the topping off 1 World Trade Center, its spire rising 1776 feet.

Meredith Feiner, 28, who works in Lower Manhattan, said she was proud to see the new building rising, the construction cranes towering overhead.



The World Trade Center Flag is presented as friends and relatives of the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks gather at the National September 11 Memorial at the World Trade Center site, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013, for a ceremony marking the 12th anniversary of the attacks in New York.

(AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)

At 8:46 a.m., when the first plane struck the north tower, there was a moment of silence. In Washington, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, their wives by their sides, stood on the White House lawn, heads bowed. At 9:03, a second moment of silence will mark the moment a second plane hit the south tower. There would be four more moments of silence inter-

But next year his place will be occupied by one of the winners of the mayoral primary held Tuesday.

Twelve years ago, when Bloomberg first ascended a podium overseeing a vast pit of rubble, there was a moment of seeming national unity and moral clarity.

But that clarity long since eroded in the sands outside Fallujah and the ancient alleyways of Bagh-

Closer to home, the politics of 9/11 re-emerged as a campaign issue hours before primary voters went to cast their ballots Tuesday, when Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly blasted the field of candidates for not taking the threat seriously.

"The analysis of the Police Department, the intelligence community, our recent experience tells us that New York remains

"It never would have had to be rebuilt if something terrible had not happened," she said.

The National September 11 Memorial and Museum remains on track to open next spring.

Once the museum opens, the annual anniversary will no longer bear the main weight of remembrance, either for New Yorkers or for the millions who visit the city. □

Q&A ON THE NEWS

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Q: With the protests going on in Egypt, how much has this crisis impacted tourism? Also, how much money does tourism bring to Egypt's economy under peaceful conditions?

-- **William McKee Jr., Flowery Branch, Ga.**

A: More than 14.5 million tourists visited Egypt in 2010, a year before the overthrow of former President Hosni Mubarak. Tourism fell to 9.5 million in 2011 and rebounded to 10.5 million last year. Recent violence has led other countries to warn their citizens not to travel to Egypt. Flights to Egypt have been canceled and there have reports of some tourists being confined to their hotels once they have arrived there. There is a 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew. "The beaches are almost empty and we spend most of the day watching TV," a Russian tourist recently told Inter Press Service. Tourism accounted for about \$8.5 billion, or 11.3 percent of Egypt's gross domestic product, under peaceful circumstances, according to the Egyptian Tourism Federation, a non-governmental group, USA Today reported. More than 2.8 million Egyptians work in the tourism industry and many are now struggling, according to the paper.

Q: We have heard President Barack Obama has proof of chemical weapon use in Syria. Does he have proof who used the weapon?

-- **Scott Pirnie, Atlanta**

A: Most of the information is classified, but Secretary of State John Kerry recently told a Senate panel: "We can tell you beyond any reasonable doubt that our evidence proves the Assad regime prepared for this attack, issued instruction to prepare for this attack, warned its own forces to use gas masks." Kerry added that there's proof the government "issued orders to stop and then fretted openly -- we know -- about the possibility of U.N. inspectors discovering evidence." France, Germany and Britain back up the U.S. claim that chemical weapons were used.

Q: How did the gunman get into the Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Center near Atlanta last month? I haven't heard any answer to that.

-- **Dorothy Wells, Lawrenceville, Ga.**

A: Michael Brandon Hill, 20, apparently slipped through the school's security doors behind someone who had already been cleared to enter, police told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Aug. 20. Hill, armed with an AK-47 assault rifle, barricaded himself in the school's front office in Decatur and exchanged shots with officers before being arrested. Hill was charged with aggravated assault on a police officer, terroristic threats and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, the AJC reported.

Q: During a tennis tournament such as the U.S. Open, what kind of compensation do the ball boys and ball girls receive? Surely it is more than minimum wage.

-- **Tim Schnabel, Monroe, Ga.**

A: Ball boys and girls at the U.S. Open are paid between \$8 and \$9 an hour, but they are not paid at the other three majors: the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon. They are referred to as ball persons or ball people at the U.S. Open, where this year, the ages range from 14 into the 40s. The U.S. Open also is affected by late-night matches, which can be manned only by ball persons 18 years and older. Wimbledon ball girls and boys receive free lunches and snacks. They work one hour on the court, are off an hour, and then go back to work. □

White House:

Russian prestige on the line in Syria

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House tried Wednesday to pin the success or failure of a diplomatic option to secure Syria's chemical weapons on Russia rather than the United States as Secretary of State John Kerry headed for Ge-

sions followed up Obama's nationally televised address Tuesday night in which he kept the threat of U.S. airstrikes on the table and said it was too early to say whether the Russian offer would succeed. White House spokesman Jay Carney declined to put a deadline on diplomatic efforts to resolve

popular and it's not always comfortable." On Capitol Hill, action on any resolution authorizing U.S. military intervention in Syria was on hold, even an alternative that would have reflected Russia's diplomatic offer. Senators instead debated an energy bill. "The whole terrain has changed," Sen. Dick Durbin told reporters after a meeting of Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "We want to make sure we do nothing that's going to derail what's going on." That didn't stop Republicans from announcing their opposition to Obama's initial call for military strikes and criticizing the commander in chief. Sen. Deb Fischer who had attended a Sunday night dinner with Obama and Biden, accused the president of engaging in "pin-ball diplomacy."

"Unfortunately, what we've seen from the commander in chief so far has been indecision, verbal gymnastics and a reluctance to step up and lead," Fischer said in a statement.

Sen. John McCain an outspoken advocate of aggressive U.S. military intervention for months, said he was concerned that the Russian plan could be a "rope-a-dope" delaying tactic while "that the slaughter goes on." □



White House press secretary Jay Carney gestures during his daily news briefing at the White House in Washington, Monday, Sept. 9, 2013. The White House is "highly skeptical" of the Russian proposal to allow international inspectors into Syria to examine that country's chemical weapons stockpile, Carney said. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

neva to work on a Russian proposal for international inspectors to seize and destroy the deadly stockpile. With the American public focus on diplomacy rather than military might, Vice President Joe Biden and senior White House officials summoned House Democrats and Republicans for classified briefings. The ses-

sions followed up Obama's nationally televised address Tuesday night in which he kept the threat of U.S. airstrikes on the table and said it was too early to say whether the Russian offer would succeed. White House spokesman Jay Carney declined to put a deadline on diplomatic efforts to resolve

Hurricane Humberto forms in the Atlantic

MIAMI (AP) — Humberto grew to hurricane force far out in the Atlantic on Wednesday, becoming the first hurricane of the Atlantic season, while Bermuda shook off a drenching by Tropical Storm Gabrielle.

Humberto's maximum sustained winds were near 85 mph (140 kph) and the U.S. National Hurricane Center said it could gain more strength by Thursday morning, but a gradual weakening would begin at that time.

The storm was centered about 360 miles (575 kilometers) west-northwest of the Cape Verde Islands

and was moving north at 12 mph (19 kph) into the open Atlantic.

In Bermuda, Gabrielle caused several power outages overnight, but no major damage was reported on the British territory.

The government announced that all public schools were reopening and there would be sporadic ferry service.

The island's meteorology service warned that strong winds and rain would continue to pelt Bermuda as the storm headed north.

By late afternoon, Gabrielle was centered about 100 miles (160 kilometers) west-northwest of Bermu-

da with winds of up to 40 mph (65 kph), and it was moving westward at 5 mph (7 kph). It was expected to turn to the north-northeast and remain well off the U.S. East Coast while heading toward a possible weekend brush with Nova Scotia.

It is unusual for this much time to pass in the Atlantic season without a hurricane forming, though not unheard of. Hurricane Gustav was the first of the 2002 season when it formed on Sept. 11 of that year. The record for the latest first-of-the-season hurricane is Oct. 8, 1905, based on records dating to 1851. □

De Blasio takes first in New York City mayoral primary

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NEW YORK - Bill de Blasio, whose campaign for mayor of New York tapped into a city's deepening unease with income inequality and aggressive police practices, captured far more votes than any of his rivals in the Democratic primary

Tuesday.

But as de Blasio, an activist-turned-operative and now the city's public advocate, celebrated a remarkable come-from-behind surge, it was not clear if he had won the 40 percent needed to avoid a runoff Oct. 1 with William C. Thompson Jr., who finished second. At night's end, he had won

just over 40 percent of the ballots counted; thousands of paper ballots had yet to be tallied, which could take days.

De Blasio, who campaigned as the most liberal Democrat in the field, immediately pivoted into a less strident general-election mode. In a victory speech just after midnight



Bill de Blasio, a New York City mayoral candidate, greets voters outside a Fairway Market in New York, Sept. 9, 2013. de Blasio, whose campaign for mayor of New York tapped into a city's deepening unease with income inequality and aggressive police practices, captured far more votes than any of his rivals in the Democratic primary Tuesday.

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at a music club in Brooklyn, he soberly invoked Wednesday's 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. "We were reminded that day of a crucially important lesson," he said, "that the job of those of us in positions of authority is to keep our city safe, to be constantly vigilant, to use every tool at our disposal to protect our people." But Thompson, addressing his supporters at a midtown Manhattan hotel, vowed to continue his campaign at least until all the primary ballots are counted. "Tonight is for every one of you out there who have ever been counted out," he told a jubilant crowd chanting "Three more weeks."

The winner of the unusually spirited Republican contest was Joseph J. Lhota, a no-nonsense former chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. He defeated John A. Catsimatidis, a voluble billionaire who ran an often whimsi-

cal campaign.

Lhota, who served as deputy mayor to Rudolph W. Giuliani, will carry his tough-minded approach to crime-fighting and city spending into the general election on Nov. 5.

A vocal supporter of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's policies, Lhota called his nomination "the first step in continuing a strong future for our city."

By contrast, de Blasio's vow to make a clean break from the Bloomberg era struck a chord with Democratic voters worried about jobs and schools. Roughly 3 in 4 wanted his successor to move the city in a different direction after 12 years with Bloomberg, an exit poll found.

In the race for the office of city comptroller, Scott M. Stringer, the Manhattan borough president, repelled a last-minute comeback attempt by Eliot Spitzer, who resigned as governor over his use of prostitutes. □

Missouri legislature fails to override tax-cut veto

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. - The Missouri House of Representatives failed Wednesday to override Gov. Jay Nixon's veto of a sweeping tax-cut bill that had inflamed partisan debate and mobilized people in all corners of the state for and against it.

After more than an hour and a half of debate on the floor, 94 members voted in favor of overriding the veto and 67 against it, falling well short of the 109 votes needed to defeat the veto.

Nixon, a Democrat, prevailed against a Legislature with Republican supermajorities in both chambers on a core Republican issue. Barnstorming the state through the summer, he argued that the tax cut would decimate financing for education, mental health and other vital services. He scoffed at the Republican

argument that the cuts would bring businesses and jobs to the state.

"With the economy we've got right now, the thing that employers say to me is, 'I need trained workers, I need people with math and science backgrounds, I need people that are good in it,'" Nixon said in an interview last week.

"They don't say to me, 'Get me a third of a point less on some tax line somewhere.'"

Nixon enraged some opponents by withholding \$400 million in state spending that he said he could not release if the tax cut became law. He successfully stitched together a broad coalition of support from education interests, with more than 100 school boards across the state passing resolutions to sustain the governor's veto.

During debate on the tax bill in the House on

Wednesday, lawmakers stuck largely to political talking points.

Supporters said it was essential to making Missouri business friendly, while op-

ponents contended that it would deal a blow to financing crucial educational and other services.

Rep. T.J. Berry, the bill's Republican sponsor, accused the governor of misleading the public as he spoke on the House floor on Wednesday, urging his colleagues

in the chamber.

"The intent is a perfect intent," Berry said.

"We want to help the people of Missouri grow, and if we do not grow, we will be down here fighting over smaller and smaller pies, trying to provide the services that we all want."

Hundreds of protesters descended on the Capitol and packed the legislative chambers to push for overrides of the governor's vetoes. They rallied outside the building before lawmakers gathered.

Many wore green T-shirts from the Grow Missouri Coalition, which has been one of the chief advocates calling for an override of Nixon's veto. Others wore stickers that read, "I support Missouri's Second Amendment Preservation Act," a reference to a bill that would prevent federal gun laws from being enforced in the state. □



Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon, center, arrives to discuss a Republican tax cut bill in Marshall, Mo. Nixon, a Democrat, has argued that lower taxes would hurt education and mental health services, and has found support in the face of an override vote.

(Dan Gill/The New York Times)

US pastor arrested before he could burn Qurans

TAMARA LUSH

Associated Press

MULBERRY, Florida (AP) — Law enforcement arrested a Florida pastor Wednesday as he drove to a park to light nearly 3,000 Qurans on fire to protest the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Pastor Terry Jones, 61, and his associate pastor, Marvin Sapp Jr., 34, on felony charges as he drove a pickup truck towing a large barbecue-style grill filled with Qurans soaked in kerosene. He had said he was heading to a nearby park to burn 2,998 Qurans — one for every victim of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Sheriff's officials said they would hold a news conference later Wednesday to discuss specific charges.

Mulberry's mayor, along with area elected officials, a sheriff's deputy and several Polk County residents have talked about the need to express love and tolerance for all faiths on Sept. 11. Jones is the pastor of a small evangelical Christian church. He first

gained attention in 2010 when he planned to burn a Quran on 9/11, although he eventually called it off. His congregation did burn the Muslim holy book in March 2011 and last year he pro-

moted an anti-Muslim film. All three incidents sparked violence in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

The most violent protest happened after the 2011 Quran burning as hundreds

of protesters stormed a U.N. compound in Mazar-i-Sharif in northern Afghanistan, killing seven foreigners, including four Nepalese guards.

Jones has repeatedly ig-

nored pleas from the U.S. military asking him not to stage his protests. Military officials say his actions put American and Western troops in Afghanistan and elsewhere in danger. □

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Nyad defends record Cuba-to-Florida swim

JENNIFER KAY
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Diana Nyad is defending her 110-mile (177-kilometer) swim from Cuba to Florida against skeptics who ask whether she got into or held onto a boat during part of the journey.

Nyad said she swam without holding onto any of the boats or people accompanying her.

"I swam. We made it, our team, from the rocks of Cuba to the beach of Florida, in squeaky-clean, ethical fashion," Nyad said.

Her critics are suspicious about long stretches of the 53-hour swim where Nyad appeared to have either picked up incredible speed or to have gone without food or drink. Since Nyad finished her swim Sept. 2, long-distance swimmers have been debating it on social media and in online forums.

Nyad's speed, at some points more than doubling, has drawn particular scrutiny. Her team has attributed her speed to the fast-

credentials and observations of the currents. Nyad's navigator, John Bartlett, said her fastest speed averaged about

"What you're seeing is the combination of the speed of Diana propelling herself in the water and the speed of the current carrying us across the bottom," he said.

An oceanography professor at the University of Miami said data collected from a research buoy drifting in an eddy referenced by Bartlett confirms that ocean currents contributed as much to Nyad's speed as Bartlett said they did.

The eddy appears periodically in that region, and it alters the course of the Gulf Stream.

"So, if you're close to (the eddy), you're going to benefit from it, too," Tamay Ozgokmen said.

"I don't have trouble believing that she said she essentially doubled her speed during her swim, because of the ocean currents." □



United States endurance swimmer Diana Nyad talks to the media about her record-setting swim from Cuba to Florida, during a press conference in Key West, Fla.

(AP Photo/J Pat Carter)

moving Gulf Stream flowing in her favor.

The 64-year-old endurance athlete and her team held a conference call with some of the skeptics who questioned her navigator's

3.97 mph (6.39 kph) over a 5.5-hour period over about 19 miles (30.58 kilometers), crossing the strongest parts of the Gulf Stream, which was flowing at a favorable angle.

12-year-old who survived rare infection to go home

JEANNIE NUSS
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP) — A 12-year-old girl who survived a rare and often fatal infection caused by a brain-eating amoeba was expected to go home Wednesday after being hospitalized since July.

Kali Hardig was diagnosed with a devastating infection called primary amebic meningoencephalitis after a trip to an Arkansas water park this summer.

There were 128 such infections reported in the United States between 1962 and 2012, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Before Kali, doctors could only point to one known survivor in the U.S. and another in Mexico. During a news conference Wednesday, even Kali acknowledged the odds against her. "I'm lucky to be alive," she said.

Her doctors and parents agreed. "The first 22 days being in ICU, you just never knew," her mother, Traci Hardig said. "You're told the worst news possible, and then to go from that outcome to ... get to actually take her home, I mean, I got to watch a miracle unfold right in front of my eyes." Health officials believe Kali became sick after a trip to a now-shuttered water park that features a sandy-bottomed lake.

A brain-eating amoeba called *Naegleria fowleri* is often found in warm bodies of freshwater, such as lakes, rivers and hot springs. □

US man gets 20 years in federal sex slave case

BILL DRAPER
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — A man was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison Wednesday for holding a young woman captive as a sex slave for six years.

Edward Bagley initially faced 11 federal charges accusing him of enticing an underage girl to be his sex slave, torturing and mutilating her, and allowing others to watch and participate in the torture sessions. In January, he pleaded guilty to one count of using an interstate facility to entice a minor into illegal sexual conduct.

Bagley agreed to the 20-year prison sentence as

part of his plea arrangement — a deal his victim says will spare her from having to relive her ordeal in public.

"Even though Ed pleaded guilty, he still hasn't told the truth," the woman said in court, reading from a statement.

Prosecutors said Bagley, 46, and his wife, Marilyn, recruited the woman to live with them in their trailer in late 2002 and groomed her to become Bagley's sex slave. The Bagleys have insisted he didn't have sex with her until she turned 18 and that the often-extreme sex acts were consensual, but prosecutors believe it started years before that

and was forced on the woman.

"I had no idea he was going to make it an every-single-night thing," the victim said in court as she gave her statement. "It started bad and got worse and worse."

She described how the Bagleys initially showed her images and videos of people practicing bondage, dominance, sadism and masochism — or BDSM — and told her it was fun. She signed a contract on her 18th birthday that Bagley said made her his sex slave for life. As part of his sentence, Bagley also agreed to pay about \$123,000 toward future counseling

and medical care for the woman, who's now 27. Attorneys for Bagley declined to comment after his sentencing Wednesday.

The case came to light in early 2009 when the woman, then 23, was hospitalized after what prosecutors said was a torture session. Then-U.S. Attorney Beth Phillips called the case one of "the most horrific ever prosecuted in this district." Two other men were sentenced in the case Wednesday — Bradley Cook and Dennis Henry. Marilyn Bagley and another two defendants — Michael Stokes and James Noel — will be sentenced Thursday. □

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US Financial Front: More than 350 economists back Yellen for Fed chair

JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 350 economists have signed a letter to President Barack Obama calling on him to nominate Federal Reserve Vice Chair Janet Yellen to be the Fed's next chairman.

The letter is designed to draw attention back to Yellen amid signs that Obama is leaning toward nominating his former economic adviser Larry Summers.

The letter, whose signers include economists with past ties to Obama, credits Yellen for prescience in warning in 2005 about an impending real estate meltdown, for her consensus style of leadership and for her commitment to job growth.

Obama is expected to announce his nomination as early as this month. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's term ends Jan. 31, 2014.

"We believe that Janet Yellen is an extremely effective leader who has demonstrated her capacity to work with the other FRB governors and to bring important perspectives of the American people to her leadership and decisions," the letter states.

The White House on Tuesday declined to comment when asked about the letter.

Signers include Nobel Prize winner Joseph Stiglitz and Alan Blinder, a former economic adviser to President Bill Clinton and former Fed vice chair himself.

Among those who have closer ties to Obama are Christina Romer, the former head of Obama's Council of Economic Advisers;

Laura Tyson, a former top Clinton adviser and former member of Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, and Alice Rivlin, a former director of Clinton's budget office and Obama's appointee to the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform.

The central bank regulates the supply of money and sets interest rates, thereby influencing economic activity, hiring and inflation. It also is the leading regulator of banks and plays a crucial role as the country's lender of last resort when banks can't get their money elsewhere.

The pro-Yellen letter was organized by Heidi Hartmann, president of the Institute for Women's Policy Research, and Joyce Jacobsen, the dean of social sciences at Wesleyan University.

"The amount of media coverage since Larry Summers' name surfaced has gone in his direction," Hartmann said in an interview. "So we felt her qualifications were being eclipsed in the public eye and we wanted to recall attention to them now and share our professional opinion with the president."

Hartmann said she presented the letter to the White House and top Obama aides Monday evening.

Without mentioning Summers, the letter alludes to his reputation for being prickly and condescending. "There is less and less room in modern public policymaking, especially at the FRB, for a single leader to dominate discussion," the letter said. □



Janet Yellen, vice chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, answers a question from a participant at the International Monetary Conference in Shanghai, China. More than 350 economists have signed a letter to President Barack Obama calling on him to nominate Federal Reserve Vice Chair Janet Yellen to be the central bank's next chairman.

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U.N. Rights Panel:

Evidence of war crimes by both sides in Syrian conflict

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GENEVA - As the United States and Russia searched for a diplomatic solution to the crisis over Syria's chemical weapons, a four-person U.N. rights panel presented detailed evidence Wednesday of what they

said were war crimes and crimes against humanity still being committed by both sides in the 30-month conflict. Bolstered by arms and money from regional and global powers waging a proxy war, Syria's government and rebel

forces have committed murder, torture, rape and indiscriminate attacks on civilians on a huge scale, believing they can win a military victory and without fear of future punishment, the panel, a Commission of Inquiry, said in a report

to be presented to the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva on Monday. "Relentless shelling has killed thousands of civilians and displaced the populations of entire towns," the panel said. "Massacres and other unlawful killings are perpetrated with impunity. An untold number of men, children and women have disappeared. Many have died in detention." The perpetrators on both sides "do not fear accountability. Referral to justice is imperative," they added. Their report tracks developments in Syria for three months to mid-July, before a chemical weapons attack on a suburb of the Syrian capital, Damascus, on Aug. 21 that prompted threats of punitive military strikes by the United States and France. But its findings of continuing and even escalating atrocities underscored what is at stake as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Foreign Minister Sergey V. Lavrov of Russia prepared to meet in Ge-

neva on Thursday to try to flesh out Russia's proposal for putting Syria's chemical weapons under international control. A successful outcome to their talks would avert U.S. military strikes against President Bashar Assad's regime and help to break the diplomatic deadlock that has stymied discussions between Washington and Moscow on convening a second Geneva conference to broker an end to the conflict. The alternative risks the continuation or widening of a conflict that the panel says has intensified in recent months, reigniting tensions in neighboring countries and posing a wider threat to the stability of the region.

Pro-government forces had gained momentum over the summer, maintaining control of cities and major communications routes and recapturing some areas previously taken by rebel groups, the panel reported. Opposition forces, through plagued by internal strife and increasingly radicalized, had become more organized and reinforced their hold on large areas of Syria's north and east.

The panel confirmed and gave details of a series of massacres carried out by pro-government forces and noted that they unleashed indiscriminate bombardment by tanks, artillery and aircraft against areas they were unwilling or unable to control. The forces inflicted heavy civilian casualties "as a matter of policy," on some occasions as retribution for the presence of armed groups and on others with the perception of "a strong undercurrent of sectarianism," according to the panel.



Delegates attend the 24th session of the Human Rights Council, at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. A U.N. rights panel presented detailed evidence Wednesday of what they said were war crimes and crimes against humanity still being committed by both sides in the 30-month conflict. (AP Photo/Jean-Christophe Bott)

EU, US demand Iran cooperate with nuclear probe

GEORGE JAHN
Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — A senior U.S. diplomat urged Iran on Wednesday to follow up on good will generated by moderate statements from its new president with actions that ease suspicions it is trying to make nuclear arms. The tone of outreach instead of censure reflected Washington's hopes that Tehran will seize the moment created by change in its political leadership and act to ease international tensions over its nuclear ambitions. Still, U.S. envoy Joseph Macmanus warned of tough diplomatic action

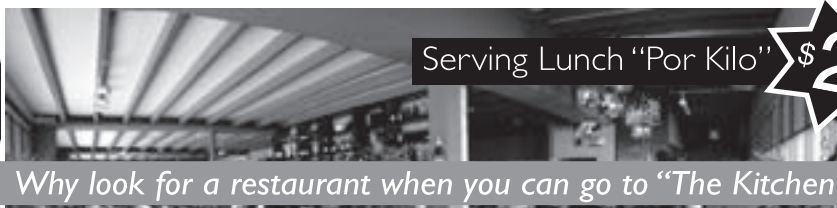
unless Tehran cooperates with U.N. experts trying to determine whether it ever worked on such weapons — a threat echoed by a statement from the European community. Iran insists it wants to harness the atom only to generate power or for scientific or medical purposes. But Western comments at a high-level session of the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency reflected more than a decade of fears that Tehran also seeks the ability to be able to make nuclear arms. In comments to the IAEA's 35-nation board, Macmanus noted the "unique mo-

ment" produced by the election triumph of President Hasan Rouhani over more hard-line rivals. At the same time, he suggested that the West will push at the IAEA's November board meeting to punish Tehran by referring it to the U.N. Security Council unless it cooperates with IAEA experts trying to probe its alleged secret nuclear weapons work. Iran denies having trying to develop such arms. It and the IAEA blame each other for delays in reaching agreement on a probe. Ten rounds of negotiations over the past two years have failed to end the

deadlock. The two sides meet again Sept. 27, and Macmanus indicated that the West will consider those talks a yardstick of Rouhani's professed interest in easing nuclear tensions. The West, he said, will work with other board members to hold Iran accountable should it fail to seize the moment and "continue its intransigence and obfuscation." His comments appeared to be diplomatic code for an effort in November to again refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council if the Sept. 27 talks end inconclusively. Past referrals have led to U.N. sanctions.

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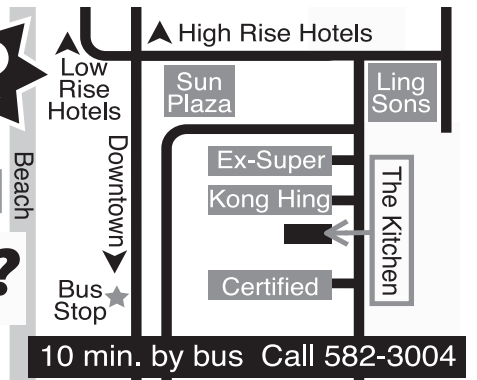


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Suicide attacks hit Egypt military in Sinai, killing 9

ASHRAF SWEILAM
Associated Press

EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) — In near-simultaneous attacks, a pair of suicide bombers rammed their explosives-laden cars into military targets in Egypt's volatile Sinai Peninsula on Wednesday, killing at least nine soldiers and nudging the conflict there closer to a full-blown insurgency. The bombings in the town of Rafah on the border with the Gaza Strip appear to be a deadly response by insurgents to a military crackdown on their north Sinai hideouts that has reportedly left over three dozen dead.

Suicide attacks are a new element in the wave of political violence triggered initially by the ouster of Egypt's Islamist President Mohammed Morsi on July 3, and intensified by a violent crackdown on his supporters' protest camps. They suggest that al-Qaida-inspired groups may be developing a new capability to strike at security and other targets, both in Sinai and elsewhere in Egypt. One of the two bombings in the town of Rafah brought down a two-story building housing the local branch of military intelligence. It collapsed the entire structure, two security officials said, speaking anonymously because they were not authorized to talk to the media. They said no bodies were found under the rubbles, but the attack left 10 soldiers and seven civilians, three of them women, wounded. The second attack targeted an armored personnel carrier at an army checkpoint not far from the intelligence headquarters, the officials added. □

Libya:

Bomb rattles Benghazi on attack anniversary

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MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A car bomb tore through a Libyan Foreign Ministry building in the eastern city of Benghazi on Wednesday, a powerful reminder of lawlessness in the North African nation on the anniversary of a deadly attack on the U.S. consulate there as well as the 2001 terror attacks in the United States. Prime Minister Ali Zidan is

speaking on condition of anonymity because of security concerns, told The Associated Press that the attackers were seeking to cut off mail to the southern city of Sabha in retaliation for a rival tribe from Sabha cutting off the water supply to Tripoli for a week, forcing hospitals and homes to rely on wells and large tanks. Other groups have shut down oil fields to protest corruption or demand regional autonomy, causing

about 6 a.m., well before anybody was due to arrive at the Foreign Ministry for work and at a time when the nearby streets were nearly empty. The explosion blew out a side wall of the building, leaving desks, filing cabinets and computers strewn across the concrete rubble. It also damaged the Benghazi branch of the Libyan Central Bank. Pictures circulated on Facebook showed men

mal Abdel-Nasser, which runs through the city from north to south. Several pedestrians were slightly wounded.

Mohammed el-Ubaidi, head of the Foreign Ministry branch in Benghazi, told Libyan television that the car carried 60 kilograms (132 pounds) of explosives and was blown up by remote control.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which came a day after bomb disposal experts defused an explosive device found next to the Foreign Ministry headquarters in Tripoli.

"There is a force that doesn't want a state in place and wants to turn Libya into a battlefield of terrorism and explosions," said Zidan, the prime minister. "The security situation is tough."

Gadhafi was deposed and killed after an eight-month uprising that descended into a civil war in 2011. Since then, successive Libyan interim governments have failed to impose law and order. The country remains held hostage by unruly militia forces initially formed to fight Gadhafi. The militias, which have huge stockpiles of sophisticated weaponry, now threaten Libya's nascent democracy.

Car bombings and drive-by shootings routinely kill security officials in Benghazi, the birthplace of the uprising. Deputy Interior Minister Sadik Abdel-Karim described the security situation as "deteriorating."

Tawfiq Breik, a lawmaker with the liberal-leaning National Forces Alliance, said that the attacks will continue as long as Libya lacks a strong national army and police. □



People gather to look at the site of a car bombing in Benghazi, Libya, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013. A powerful car bomb exploded Wednesday near Libya's Foreign Ministry building in the heart of the eastern coastal city of Benghazi, security officials said, one year to the date after an attack there killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

(AP Photo/Mohammed el-Shaiky)

sued a stern warning to militias blamed for much of the violence that has plagued Libya since the overthrow of dictator Moammar Gadhafi two years ago, proclaiming that "we will not bow to anyone." But the challenges are mounting. The prime minister said that armed men had just stormed a post office in the capital, Tripoli, taking employees hostage. A witness at the scene,

the country to lose out on millions of dollars a day in potential revenue. The Benghazi blast caused no deaths or serious injuries, but destroyed the Foreign Ministry branch building in an attack rich in symbolism. The building once housed the U.S. Consulate under the rule of King Idris, who was overthrown in 1969 in a bloodless coup led by Gadhafi. The bombing took place

carrying dead doves, with one person commenting that "the dog who did this will be punished for the guilt of killing doves." Another photo shows black smoke smoldering out of the charred Foreign Ministry building, along with wrecked cars and burned palm trees. A green tarp was later placed over part of the building. The blast also rocked Benghazi's main boulevard, Ga-

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Catalans form human chain in Spain separation bid

JOSEPH WILSON
Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) —

More than 1 million people showed their support for Catalan independence Wednesday by joining hands to form a 400-kilometer (250-mile) human chain across the northeastern region of Spain.

The demonstration on the region's annual public holiday aimed to illustrate the strength of local backing for political efforts to break away from Spain. The Catalan regional government estimated 1.6 million people in the region of 7.5 million residents took part in the human chain, many of them with red, yellow and blue pro-independence flags draped around their shoulders.

"Today is a historic day. The Catalan people have reaffirmed their determination to be a free state," said Carme Forcadell, president of the Catalan National Assembly, which organized the human chain.

The protest in Catalonia was peaceful, but a small

group of Spanish fascists in Madrid stormed their way into the office of the Catalan government's delegation building in the capital. Television images showed about 10 men with Spanish fascist flags shouting, pushing people, knocking over furniture and hitting a journalist's TV camera. They yelled "Catalonia is Spain!" and quickly left, but reportedly opened a tear gas container, forcing the 100 or so people gathered there to evacuate.

During Francisco Franco's fascist dictatorship from 1939-1975, the Catalan language was banned in schools, publishing and from public use.

Despite sharing many cultural traits with the rest of Spain, many Catalans claim a deep cultural difference based on their language, which is spoken side-by-side with Spanish in the wealthy region.

Catalonia's regional leader Artur Mas has promised to hold a referendum on independence in 2014, but the Madrid-based govern-



People wave Catalan national flags in Barcelona, Spain Wednesday Sept. 11, 2013. Several hundred thousand people demanding an independent Catalonia have joined hands in an attempt to form a 400-kilometer (250-mile) human chain across the northeastern region of Spain.

(AP Photo/Paco Serinelli)

ment has said that such a vote would be unconstitutional.

Polls indicate that the majority of Catalans agree on holding a referendum,

though surveys indicate support among residents for independence is around 50 percent. It falls to less than that when those questioned are asked whether they would want a separate Catalan state outside the European Union. The Spanish government's refusal to grant Catalonia similar fiscal powers held by the Basque Country - the other region with a strong separatist movement - combined with the country's double-dip recession have swelled the pro-independence ranks in recent years. Many Catalans feel secession would allow them to pull free of Spain's economic troubles. "It's becoming clearer that we have nowhere to go with Spain. We want to be free," said Montse Espina, a 44-year-old sales representative holding a pro-independence flag in Barcelona.

Pro-independence supporters raised their arms and chanted "Independence!" during the demonstration. □

Prosecutors seek death penalty in India rape case

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NEW DELHI - Prosecutors Wednesday asked for the death sentence for four men convicted of participating in the rape and murder of a 23-year-old student in December, calling the crime "a case of extreme depravity" and arguing that the public would be outraged if the men were not hanged.

"The common man will lose faith in the judiciary if the harshest punishment is not given," Dayan Krishnan, a special prosecutor, told the judge in the case,

who is expected to deliver the sentences - either the death penalty or life in prison - for each man Friday.

A.P. Singh, a defense lawyer, called execution "a primitive and coldblooded and simplistic response to complex issues."

"Awarding the death penalty will not end crime in the streets," Singh said, according to reporters in the courtroom.

Both views represent powerful strains in Indian society.

India has steadfastly resisted efforts to repeal the death penalty, which was

codified under British rule. But it almost never carries out executions, and a 1980 Supreme Court ruling confines their use to "the rarest of rare cases."

The gang rape of the young woman in December has provided a test for an ambivalent country. In a rush of emotion, the Indian government amended the criminal code so that the death penalty could be applied in particularly brutal cases of rape. In a statement to a court official before her death, the victim called for the men's death.

"They should be hanged, so that such an incident does not happen with another woman," the statement read, according to text provided to IANS, a news service.

Prosecutors Wednesday focused their argument largely on the disturbing nature of the crime: When the victim and a male friend boarded a private bus, hoping for a ride home, the men attacked them, knocking the man unconscious and taking the woman to the back of the bus. They raped her, then severely damaged

her internal organs with a metal rod. They dumped the two on the roadside, naked and bleeding.

Her injuries were so severe that she died two weeks later in a Singapore hospital.

"The test is, 'Was the collective conscience shocked?'" Krishnan asked Wednesday, according to pool reports.

"There can be no better example than this case." He described the crime as "diabolical" and said, "There is no element of sympathy in the way this helpless woman was tortured." □



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Priest gives used Renault Pope, who wants to drive



VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis now has his own mini popemobile after getting a good deal on a used car that he plans to drive himself. Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, says Francis accepted the 1984 Renault 4, donated for free by a priest in northern Italy who used it to visit poor parishioners. The four-door car, in papal white, is manual

shift and has a new engine. Benedettini told The AP on Wednesday: "The pope intends to drive it." The donor, the 69-year-old Rev. Renzo Zocca, says he took Francis for a short drive in the car at the Vatican on Saturday and that Francis told him he knows how to drive it. Zocca said he thinks Francis will use it for short commutes on Vatican grounds. □

Filipino rebels call for neutral mediation

BULLIT MARQUEZ

Associated Press

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP)—Muslim rebels holding scores of hostages in the southern Philippines are demanding international mediation, an official said Wednesday, as fresh rounds of fire broke out between government troops and the guerrillas on the third day of the stand-off. The rebels, enraged by a broken peace deal with the government, are holding the civilian hostages as human shields near the port city of Zamboanga. Troops have surrounded the Moro National Liberation Front guerrillas and their hostages in four coastal villages. At least nine people have been killed since the stand-off began Monday. On Tuesday, the rebels fired

two mortar rounds near the main port, prompting authorities to order vessels to dock elsewhere. The government rushed more troops and police to the city, and there were sporadic exchanges of fire. Some houses went up in flames in rebel-held villages, forcing more residents to flee.

Zamboanga was virtually shut down, with most air flights and ferry services suspended. Communities near the clashes resembled a war zone, with armored troop carriers lining streets, troops massing at a school and snipers taking positions atop buildings. A mosque and its minaret were pockmarked with bullet holes.

Zamboanga City Mayor Maria Isabelle Climaco

said the rebels were demanding international mediation. She said a former governor from the rebels' stronghold of Sulu province tried to talk to the gunmen Tuesday, but "they refuse to listen to anybody locally."

"They say that it's an international problem, and no less than the international community, the U.N., should come in," she told television network ABS-CBN. Shots rang out as she spoke from the city hall. There were no immediate reports of anyone hurt in Wednesday's sporadic trading of fire.

The MNLF rebel group signed a peace accord brokered by a committee of the Organization of the Islamic Conference with the government in 1996. □



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Chinese developer declared new richest tycoon

BEIJING (AP) — A billionaire Chinese real estate developer who bought one of the biggest U.S. cinema chains last year has emerged as the country's

year for \$2.6 billion in the biggest Chinese acquisition of a U.S. company to date. The latest rankings reflected the rapid changes in China's economy and

to widen a gulf between China's wealthy elite and the poor majority, fueling social tensions.

China has more dollar billionaires than any other



Wanda Chairman Wang Jianlin applauds in front of the logo for Dalian Wanda Group during an event at a hotel in Beijing, China. Wang was ranked No. 1 for the first time on Hurun's annual list of Chinese tycoons with a fortune of \$22 billion.

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

new richest tycoon.

The Hurun Report, which follows China's wealthy, said Wednesday that a surge in stock prices helped to boost the number of Chinese worth at least \$1 billion by 64 to 315 this year, compared with none a decade ago. The top five saw their wealth double. Wang Jianlin, whose Dalian Wanda Group Co. operates hotels, cinemas and department stores, was ranked No. 1 for the first time on Hurun's annual list of Chinese tycoons with a fortune of \$22 billion. Last year's No. 1, beverage entrepreneur Zong Qinghou, was second with \$18.7 billion. Wang's company bought AMC cinemas last

shifts in wealth from one industry to the next. One in four of the 1,021 people on the Hurun Rich List made their money from real estate, which passed manufacturing to become this year's top source of wealth.

Hurun said 559 of those on the list saw their wealth grow while 252 saw their fortunes shrink. Real estate prices in China have soared, driven partly by a flood of government spending and bank lending in response to the 2008 global crisis.

That is despite government curbs imposed on lending and purchases to cool housing costs. The surge in asset prices has helped

country except the United States. No. 3 on the Hurun list was Ma Huateng, also known as Pony Ma, founder of Tencent Inc., a popular provider of online games and entertainment, at \$10.1 billion. He was followed by Wei Jianjun, chairman of Great Wall Motor Co., which has emerged as China's fastest-growing automaker on the strength of its popular SUVs, at \$8.4 billion. China's richest woman was Yang Huiyan at No. 5 with \$8.3 billion.

Yang, daughter of the founder of real estate developer Country Gardens, was ranked No. 1 in 2007 when she took over her father's stock holdings. □

Dominican cardinal: Vatican will probe ex-envoy

EZEQUIEL LOPEZ
Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The Dominican Republic's Catholic archbishop has confirmed that the Vatican will investigate the country's recently removed papal envoy over allegations of child sex abuse.

Cardinal Nicolas de Jesus Lopez told reporters late Tuesday that Archbishop Jozef Wesolowski will be investigated by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the office that

deals with abuse allegations.

"This is an extremely serious issue, very serious, the most serious of its kind for the Holy See," Lopez said.

It is believed to be the first known sex abuse investigation against a high-ranking Vatican official in recent times, though former Vatican officials have also been accused after they left Rome.

Lopez said he personally traveled to the Vatican to meet with Pope Francis to talk about the allegations

involving the 65-year-old Wesolowski.

"I compiled some reports. There were confidential reports, but obviously I have no evidence for those," he said.

"It's up to the Holy See to investigate."

A Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, previously said the church was investigating Wesolowski, but gave no details, and Dominican church officials denied they involved allegations of child sex abuse. □

CARIBBEAN NEWS BRIEFS

Cuba 'prisoner of conscience' recognized

HAVANA (AP) — Amnesty International designated a sixth Cuban dissident jailed in the island nation as a "prisoner of conscience" Wednesday and called for his immediate and unconditional release. Ivan Fernandez Depestre, 40, was arrested July 30 in the central province of Santa Clara during an event marking the 56th anniversary of the death of Cuban revolutionary Frank Pais, the London-based human rights group said in a statement. It said Fernandez was convicted of pre-criminal "dangerousness," under which Cubans can be held for "special proclivity to commit crimes," and sentenced to three years. Critics say the statute punishes dissidents for their political beliefs. □

Violent crime spike worries security chief

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica's national security minister says a worrying spike in violent crime is threatening the steady progress made in reducing the island's high homicide rate. Peter Bunting told lawmakers this week that there were 251 homicides between June 30 and Aug. 31. That's an average of four a day for the Caribbean island of 2.7 million people, compared to an average of 2.9 a day during the first half of the year. Bunting says the rise "is threatening the gains which have been made over the last three years." In 2009, Jamaica had the world's third highest homicide rate, at 63 per 100,000 people. By last year, the rate had fallen to roughly 40 per 100,000. □

Puerto Rico: 38 Haitian migrants detained

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Federal authorities say they have detained 38 Haitian migrants aboard a wooden boat near Puerto Rico. U.S. Customs and Border Protection said this week that three Dominican migrants also were in the group discovered just northwest of Mona Island, which lies between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. The U.S. Coast Guard repatriated all the Haitian migrants while agents arrested two Dominican migrants previously deported from the U.S. The number of Haitian migrants headed to the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico has increased greatly in the past year, with authorities detaining 57 of them just last week. □

Jamaica PM updates officials on China trip

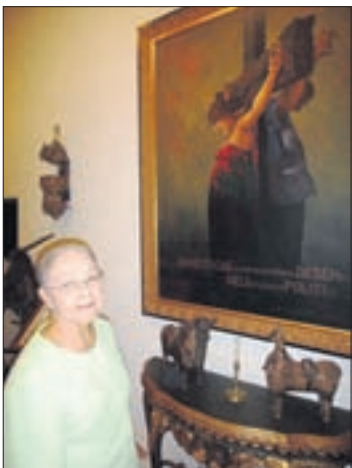
KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica's prime minister has informed Parliament about various agreements reached during a recent visit to China. Portia Simpson Miller signed four agreements while in Beijing. The biggest being a pact with the Export-Import Bank of China for a preferential loan for infrastructure development. She says Jamaica also signed a pact with China that will provide \$16 million in grants. Responding to a question from Jamaica's opposition leader, Simpson Miller said talks have started about removing visa restrictions for Chinese citizens. Chinese President Xi Jinping recently said Jamaica is Beijing's top trading partner in the Caribbean. □

Report: St. Vincent men adrift for 12 days

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Four men from St. Vincent & the Grenadines were rescued at sea this week after drifting for as long as 12 days on a disabled powerboat, the U.S. Coast Guard reported. In a statement, the Coast Guard said the four men had apparently been traveling in late August from a tiny Grenadines island to the small Caribbean country's main island of St. Vincent to pick up supplies when the outboard engine died on their 30-foot (9-meter) boat. □



Artists of Club Kibrahacha 60+ enjoy visit to local art gallery



ORANJESTAD - Recently a group of artists from Club Kibrahacha 60+ visited a local art gallery to expand their horizons and experience art works of both lo-

cal and international artists. The visit was organized by Abisha Chai and Milagrosa Luidens, two EPI students doing their internship with Club Kibrahacha 60+. "Nos Picassonan," the

name of the group of local aspiring artists, include Magriet Ignacio, Olga Vasquez, Maria Maduro, Agnes Lo-Fo-Sang, Enfie Kock-Tromp, Brigida Dijkhof-Maduro, Maria Donata and Irene Horne. The group was inspired by the visit and they now wish to

express themselves more on canvas and paper. The group enjoyed their visit very much, during which they exchanged ideas on different painting and art techniques, use of color, and of course which works of art were their favorites. A special thanks goes to

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subtopic "guarantees" and suggestions on how to deal with customers' complaints; Rules on travel agreements; Rules & regulations on general conditions; Rules & regulations on product liability; Rules & regulations on misleading advertising; and Rules & regulations on services.

The lecture will take place on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, from 4pm to 6pm at the KvK Auditorium. The speaker for the lecture will be Mr. Luciano Maduro (dhc), who will be hosting the event in Papiamentu. Entrance for this event is free. Registration is mandatory and attendees will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis as seating capacity is limited. You may apply by sending an email to sueellen@aruba-chamber.com, mentioning your name and phone number. □

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Jeter done for year with ankle injury

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AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Derek Jeter began the season on the disabled list, and that is how it will end.

The New York Yankees shortstop will miss the rest of the season after being placed on the disabled list Wednesday with an ankle injury.

Jeter, 39, last played Saturday against Boston. He was removed for a pinch runner after hurting his left ankle, and although a CT scan was negative, Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said the injury will need significant time to heal.

"You have to let the pain dissipate and then give it a chance to let the ankle strengthen back up," Cashman said. "We're just not going to have the time to do that in any capacity right now. It puts him in a vulnerable situation and risks re-injury or further injury. And that's not something we are willing to do." Jeter started the year on



New York Yankees' Derek Jeter hits a sacrifice fly during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013, in New York.

Associated Press

the disabled list after breaking his left ankle in the 2012 playoffs. He returned to the DL twice more and played in only 17 games, batting .190 with one homer and seven RBIs. And now, he's been shelved for a fourth time.

"This entire season has been a nightmare for me physically," Jeter said. "It's a fitting end."

His departure comes with New York in the thick of the AL wild-card hunt.

"It's very disappointing not to be able to play, especially at this time of year," Jeter said. "This is when I want to play the most."

The current ankle injury is likely related to the one that occurred last October in the ALCS against Detroit. "There is no new medical information other than the fact there were conversations that he has pain most likely stemming from weakness surrounding the bone, the muscles, tendons and ligaments, and it was not going to solve itself any-

time soon," Cashman said. "And he would be vulnerable. Something's going to give the more we run him out there. So we feel it's best to shut him down. Let him prepare for next year. That's the safest thing to do."

Next year? Cashman is certain of it.

"I have not thought I have watched his last game," he said. "Not one time."

Jeter hasn't abandoned hope of returning, either, even though he will turn 40 on June 26, 2014.

"I truly believe with a full offseason, working out and getting my strength back that I can get back to doing what I always have," he said. "I don't think you think about the end of anything," Jeter said. "Our job is to get ready to play. I tried to come back this year as quickly as possible. Maybe that was not the best thing to do. My job now is to get ready for next year. And I have to do that."

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Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Clay Buchholz delivers to Tampa Bay Rays' David DeJesus during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Clay Buchholz allowed three hits over five

AL Capsules

Red Sox beat Rays to shore up playoff spot

innings in his first start since early June and the AL East-leading Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-0 on Tuesday night. Buchholz (10-0), sidelined by a strained neck, hadn't pitched in the majors since beating the Los Angeles Angels on June 8. The right-hander made three rehab starts in the minors.

Jonny Gomes and Jarrod Saltalamacchia both drove in a run for the Red Sox, who extended their lead over second-place Tampa Bay to 8½ games. Craig Breslow, Junichi Tazawa and Koji Uehara finished a four-hitter. Uehara got four

outs for his 19th save.

Reigning AL Cy Young Award winner David Price (8-8) lost his third straight start despite giving up just three hits in eight innings. The left-hander struck out nine. The Rays, just 4-12 since Aug. 25, lead the race for the second AL wild-card spot.

YANKEES 7, ORIOLES 5

BALTIMORE (AP) — Alfonso Soriano hit two home runs, including a tiebreaking shot in the eighth inning, and New York rallied past Baltimore to end a six-game losing streak at Camden Yards.

Mark Reynolds also hom-

ered for the Yankees, who won for the second time in six games to bolster their postseason hopes. New York still trails Tampa Bay, Baltimore and Cleveland in the hunt for the final AL wild-card slot.

Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 49th home run for the Orioles and raised his RBI total to 126. Baltimore led 4-1 in the fifth inning before faltering.

Alex Rodriguez led off the eighth with a double against rookie Kevin Gausman (2-5) and Robinson Cano delivered an RBI single. Soriano followed with a two-run shot to center,

his 15th homer in 43 games since New York reacquired him in a July 26 trade with the Chicago Cubs.

Adam Warren (2-2) pitched a perfect seventh and Mariano Rivera got four straight outs for his 650th career save.

ROYALS 6, INDIANS 3

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jeremy Guthrie got a major assist from his defense in pitching six innings, Alcides Escobar hit a rare home run and Kansas City snapped a six-game losing streak in Cleveland to close on the Indians and two others in the cramped wild-card scramble. □

Lions' Ndamukong Suh appeals \$100K fine



In this Sept. 8, 2013 file photo, Detroit Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh (90) walks on the field before an NFL football game against the Minnesota Vikings at Ford Field in Detroit. Associated Press

LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

ALLEN PARK, Michigan

(AP) — Detroit Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh says he isn't going to change the way he plays, even after receiving NFL's biggest monetary fine for on-field conduct.

Suh plans to appeal his \$100,000 for an illegal block on a Minnesota Vikings player in the Detroit Lions' season-opening win last weekend.

"It's going through the appeals process," Suh said Wednesday.

Suh's agent, Roosevelt Barnes, said he expects the appeal to be heard later this week, when he hopes to provide another perspective to reduce his client's fine.

"Everyone is talking about how Ndamukong shouldn't have blocked the 300-pound lineman because there was no way he was going to catch a linebacker," Barnes said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "If that's the case, the lineman should've known he wasn't going to catch the linebacker. But the lineman did attempt to catch the linebacker and Ndamukong attempted to block him. But everyone wants to make Ndamukong out to be a villain."

Suh vowed that he's not going to change his ways on the field, including when Detroit (1-0) goes on

the road to play the Arizona Cardinals (0-1) on Sunday. "I'm going to continue to play hard, blue-collar football," he said.

Suh's reputation for playing with a nasty streak started in 2010 when he had an NFL-high five personal fouls. The next season, he seemed

to cement the perception when he stepped on the right arm of Green Bay's Evan Dietrich-Smith in a nationally televised game on Thanksgiving and ended the season with four personal fouls, tied for sixth in the league.

Since the league suspend-

ed Suh for two games — costing him \$165,294 — for the stomp, the frequency in which he as called for major penalties has sharply decreased.

Since Suh returned from the suspension during the 2011 season, he has been called for two personal fouls in a

20-game span while 42 NFL players have been called for more personal fouls, according to STATS. He was tied for 105th in the league with one personal foul penalty last year, STATS said, and was one of 41 players flagged for a person foul in Week 1 this season. □

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Tiger tries to regain winning form in Chicago

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

LAKE FOREST, Illinois (AP) —

Tiger Woods and Chicago used to be a great recipe for winning, or at least coming close.

He won two PGA Championships at Medinah. He won the Western Open three times and the BMW Championship twice, all at Cog Hill. Woods has finished out of the top 20 only one time in 15 tournaments in the Chicago area, including the 2003 U.S. Open at Olympia Fields.

But he has played the Windy City just twice since his last win (by eight shots) in 2009, and neither time was particularly memorable — a tie for 15th in 2010 that kept him from qualifying for the Tour Championship for the first time in his career, and an 0-3-1 record at Medinah last year in the Ryder Cup.

His next opportunity is at Conway Farms, a course Woods had never seen until the pro-am Wednesday at the BMW Championship.

"I normally don't work this hard in a pro-am, but I had to do a little bit of work because I wasn't out here yesterday," Woods said.

Conway Farms, a Tom Fazio design north of Chicago, becomes the third course in as many years to host the second-oldest golf tournament in America. At a time when 70 players are trying to qualify for the 30-man field at the Tour Championship, some intro-



Golfer Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the 10th tee during the pro-am round of the 2013 BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013.

Associated Press

ductions are in order.

Luke Donald is a member and knows the course better than anyone in the field. Zach Johnson is among the few who played Conway Farms when it hosted the NCAA Championship in 1997. Steve Stricker drove down from Wisconsin on Sunday to see the course for the first time. A Western Golf Association official said about half the field was practicing Monday, a large number compared with other events, especially this late in the season.

As for Woods?

He sent out his caddie, Joe LaCava, to scout the course ahead of him.

"It helps that Joey has been out here a couple days getting the lines, and

we were discussing a lot of it today," Woods said.

Woods said it was different from Cog Hill and Medinah but a "nice track." He mostly remembered how confined the layout is on the front nine, restricting gallery movement on a couple of holes. And the closing stretch of holes — a reachable par 4 with water down the entire left side, a strong par 4 at No. 16, a downhill par 3 framed by mounds, and a par 5 closing hole at 570 yards with water in front of the green. Adding a wrinkle to a new course is that blistering hot conditions earlier in the week were supposed to yield to cooler temperatures — the low 50s in the morning — the rest of the

week and a wind out of a different direction.

"That's where I have to rely on Joey a little bit, and we were discussing the weather forecast and how it's going to change a little bit, and discussing the different lines and different options," Woods said.

"As I said, we did a little bit of work today, more so than we normally do." Woods has won five times this year, bringing his PGA Tour career total to 79 as he closes in on Sam Snead's record of 82. Woods doesn't stray much from his schedule, and because he wins so often, he tends to win at the same courses. The last time he won on a golf course he had never played was at

The Grove outside London for the 2006 American Express Championship.

The BMW Championship is the third FedEx Cup playoff event, and the hardest to get some separation. The field has been reduced to 70 players, so for the first time during golf's version of the postseason, there is no cut.

The goal is to get into the top 30 for the FedEx Cup finale at the Tour Championship, where everyone will have a shot at the \$10 million prize, and they are guaranteed a spot in at least three of the major championships next year.

Better yet is getting into the top five in the FedEx Cup standings — those players only have to win at East Lake to capture the FedEx Cup.

Henrik Stenson, coming off a win at the Deutsche Bank Championship, is No. 1 by a small margin. Masters champion Adam Scott is right behind.

The onus is on Rory McIlroy, who is No. 41 and figures a seventh-place finish is needed to get into the Tour Championship, a consolation prize for a season gone wrong. Donald, meanwhile, is No. 54 and faces a tougher task to avoid missing the Tour Championship for the first time in five years.

"I guess if there was ever a year to struggle, to coming into an event needing a big week, this is a good one to come to," Donald said. □



In this Oct. 7, 2012, file photo, Lance Armstrong competes in the Rev3 Half Full Triathlon in Ellicott City, Md.

Associated Press

JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal judge in California sided with Lance Arm-

Judges sides with Armstrong in book lawsuit

strong and the publishers of his autobiographies on Tuesday, rejecting claims in a lawsuit that lies about not using performance-enhancing drugs amounted to fraud and false advertising.

A group of readers who bought Armstrong's "It's Not About The Bike" and "Every Second Counts" sued in Sacramento federal court seeking class-action status and more than \$5 million in damages. They said they were duped into

believing the books were inspirational true accounts and should have been labeled fiction.

U.S. District Judge Morrison England's 39-page rule sided with Armstrong's attorneys, who argued the books are free speech protected by the First Amendment. "Lance Armstrong has a right to exercise his First Amendment right to free speech," Armstrong attorney Zia Modabber said. By law, the plaintiffs have 21 days to refile their

lawsuit under the guidelines of Tuesday's ruling, but Modabber predicted the ruling would close the door on the case.

The ruling likely eliminates one of several legal hurdles facing Armstrong. The federal government is seeking to recover more than \$30 million the U.S. Postal Service paid to sponsor his former team in a case that could include total penalties of more than \$100 million. Armstrong also has been sued in Texas by two

companies seeking to recover \$15 million in bonuses paid to Armstrong and his teams for winning the Tour de France and other races. The books lawsuit was filed in California under that state's consumer protections laws. The lawsuit accused Armstrong and publishers Random House and Penguin Group of committing fraud, false advertising and other wrongdoing for publishing the cyclist's vehement denials that he wasn't a cheat. □

NL Capsules

Van Slyke's HR in 11th lifts Dodgers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pinch-hitter Scott Van Slyke's two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th inning gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-3 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday night.

Van Slyke lined the homer off Josh Collmenter (4-3) into the lower left field seats, scoring Mark Ellis who singled just ahead of Van Slyke.

It was the Dodgers' fifth consecutive win over the D-backs. They hit six homers, including three by Juan Uribe, in winning the series opener on Monday.

Chris Withrow (1-0) got the victory, striking out four in 1 1-3 innings.

BRAVES 4, MARLINS 3

MIAMI (AP) — Julio Teheran, working on 10 days' rest, overcame a rough first inning and pitched into the seventh to help the Braves beat the Marlins.

Teheran (12-7) gave up three runs in the first, then none after that, and he left with a 4-3 lead. Craig Kimbrel pitched around a

one-out double by Placido Polanco in the ninth for his major league-leading 46th save in 49 chances.

Atlanta went 3 for 16 with runners in scoring position, but Evan Gattis had his third straight two-RBI game. Braves right fielder Justin Upton left the game in the fourth inning with a bruised right knee after fouling a ball off it. His status is day to day.

Tom Koehler (3-10) allowed four runs in five innings. He's 0-4 in his past seven starts.

NATIONALS 6, METS 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Jayson Werth kept up his power surge with a home run and two doubles, leading the charging Nationals past the Mets for their fourth straight win.

Jordan Zimmermann (17-8) wound up with his NL-leading 17th victory and Rafael Soriano closed for his 40th save as Washington tries to make a late playoff push.

The Nationals have won six of seven, and have 18 games left this season. They began the day seven games behind Cincinnati



Los Angeles Dodgers' Scott Van Slyke(33) celebrates his walk-off home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 11th inning of a baseball game on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, in Los Angeles. The Dodgers won.

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for the final NL wild-card spot.

Dillon Gee (11-10) left in the seventh with the Mets down 4-3. He was trying to beat the Nationals for the fifth time this year.

CARDINALS 4, BREWERS 2
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Matt Holliday's two-run home run in the sixth inning stunned Wily Peralta with the Cardinals' first hit and rookie Shelby Miller blanked the Brewers into the seventh inning.

Matt Carpenter and Matt Adams added RBIs in the seventh and eighth for the NL Central leaders.

The 22-year-old Miller (13-

9) emphasized more off-speed deliveries to keep the pitch count down and allowed five hits with four strikeouts and two walks in 6 2-3 innings.

In 6 2-3 innings, Peralta (9-15) was charged with three runs and three hits with seven strikeouts.

Pinch-hitter Logan Schafer hit a two-run homer off Edward Mujica in the ninth.

CUBS 9, REDS 1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Welington Castillo drove in three runs with two home runs, Donnie Murphy added a two-run shot and even pitcher Edwin Jackson connected as the Cubs rolled to a victory over the suddenly punchless Reds on Tuesday night.

Jackson (8-15) hit his second career home run in the seventh inning on his way to his first win in seven starts since July 31.

The Cubs earned consecutive wins over Cincinnati for the first time since 2011.

Reds starter Tony Cingrani (7-4), in his second start since coming off the disabled list on Thursday, left the game two outs into the second inning with back spasms.

PADRES 8, PHILLIES 2

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jedd Gyorko and Chase Headley each had three hits to back Andrew Cashner's strong pitching in the Padres' victory over the Phil-

lies.

Gyorko, who entered in a 3-for-28 slide, scored three runs and drove in another. Headley added two RBIs for the Padres, who have won four straight and six of seven.

Cashner (9-8) earned his first victory since Aug. 2, throwing 7 2-3 masterful innings while limiting the Phillies to four hits and a walk.

Tyler Cloyd (2-4) was not sharp in his first major league start in three weeks for Philadelphia. The right-hander allowed seven runs and nine hits over four-plus innings.

ROCKIES 9, GIANTS 8

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Michael Cuddyer hit a tie-breaking homer leading off the ninth inning to go with his three-run shot, and the Rockies rallied from an early six-run deficit to beat the Giants.

Cuddyer sent a 3-2 pitch from Sergio Romo into the left-center seats for his 20th homer of the season, 10th career multihomer game and second this year. He also connected in Colorado's five-run fifth to spark the comeback.

Hunter Pence produced some impressive slugging himself, hitting a three-run homer in the first, an RBI double in the fourth and a tying, two-run single in the eighth against winner Wilton Lopez (3-4). □



Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Francisco Liriano (47) watches from the dugout during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, in Arlington, Texas.

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New York's career hits leader with 3,316, Jeter made his season debut on July 11 but hurt himself in that game and returned to the disabled list on July 19 (retroactive to July 12) with a right quad strain. After being activated on July 28, he was placed on the DL on Aug. 5 with a strained right calf.

Jeter was a regular in the lineup after his return on Aug. 26, but now he's done for good.

"I think it's just a matter of me not having any strength," Jeter said. "I have not been able to work out my legs or lift my legs since October of last year. I really think it's from lack of strength. When I came back, I had two other leg issues because of weakness there. I'll have a whole offseason to get back to being able to work out."

Brendan Ryan, obtained in a trade with Seattle on Tuesday, was in the starting lineup at shortstop against the Orioles on Wednesday night. □

Test for Klinsmann will be at the World Cup

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

Jurgen Klinsmann sat on a podium and smiled after guiding the United States into its seventh straight World Cup.

Not to minimize the accomplishment, but the former German star player and coach will be judged not on reaching soccer's elite tournament, but on how well the United States performs in Brazil next year.

"The team's success, especially in official competitions and difficult games in Europe has been very good," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said Wednesday, "but I think everyone understands that the World Cup is a different level."

Beating Mexico by the now traditional "dos a cero" score at Columbus Crew Stadium on Tuesday night — the Americans have done it in four straight home qualifiers — clinched the World Cup berth with two games to spare.

Klinsmann helped Germany win the 1990 World Cup and the 1996 European Championship, then retired as a player two years later and moved to California with his American wife. He commuted from Orange County to Germany for a two-year stint as coach, leading his nation to the semifinals of the World Cup it hosted in 2006, then quit. Gulati recruited him later that year to succeed Bruce Arena but couldn't



In this photo taken Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, United States manager Jurgen Klinsmann watches his team warm before a World Cup qualifying soccer match against Mexico in Columbus, Ohio.

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reach an agreement on his authority.

But after the U.S. played listlessly during the 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup, Gulati ended Klinsmann's five-year stretch as coach-in-waiting and hired him at a \$2.5 million annual salary to replace Bob Bradley.

Results have been impressive: 25 wins, nine losses and six ties, including the Americans' first victory over four-time world champion Italy, their triumph at Mexico City's Azteca Stadium and their first Gold Cup title since 2007.

He's already fifth on the U.S. career wins list, trailing only Arena (71), Bradley (43), Bora Milutinovic (30) and Steve Sampson (26).

"The best thing he's done

is created lots of competition, and so every time you step on the field you have to perform or you're not going to step on the field the next time," star attacker Landon Donovan said. "It's not in a pressure way, but it's in an accountability way."

In his first weeks, he stripped players' names off jersey backs and went to the old soccer method of changing numbers from game to game and assigning the starters Nos. 1-11 based on position.

He wanted to encourage competition.

"It's a pretty good system. It's the way it works in Europe, like nothing is yours forever," goalkeeper Tim Howard said then. "I don't

think some of the younger guys quite get it."

Klinsmann's methods seem more suited to the U.S. at times than to Germany, which has an entrenched soccer tradition and resistance to change.

He was hired to coach Bayern Munich, one of his old clubs, in July 2008 but was fired the following April.

Bayern President Uli Hoeness complained Klinsmann made the club purchase computers to develop PowerPoint presentations used to inform players of game strategy and compared him unfavorably with Jupp Heynckes, who led the team to this year's Champions League title.

"With Heynckes, we win games for 12.50 (euros),

while we spent a lot of money under Klinsmann and had little success," Hoeness told the Donaukurier newspaper two years ago.

Klinsmann hired Phoenix-based Athletes Performance, a company he worked with during his time with Germany and Bayern. The company develops training and nutritional plans for each player.

And players' time on the practice field lengthened considerably.

"Maybe two years ago they wondered, 'What is this all about? All this extra work, all this extra here, extra there.' Now it's just normal," he said. "The players come in, they know there are double sessions waiting for them."

The players know what we expect tactically. The players know that there's another guy behind them in every position, that if he doesn't give everything he has, the next one steps in and steals him his spot."

Players buy in, knowing the 49-year-old was a winner during 17 years with top-level clubs. After the U.S. opened the final round of qualifying with a loss at Honduras, Sporting News ran an article headlined "Klinsmann's methods, leadership, acumen in question." Eleven players and 11 others with ties to players or the national team — all unidentified — were cited portraying a picture of a team hampered by rift. □



Leader of Spain Vuelta Cycling, Italian Vincenzo Nibali celebrates from the podium after the 13th stage of the Spanish Vuelta, a 1649 km-kilometer (105 mile) ride starting in Valls and finishing in Castelldefels, Spain, Friday, Sept. 6, 2013. The 21-stage race ends in Madrid on Sept. 15.

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Bauke VCMollema wins 17th Vuelta stage Nibali keeps lead

BURGOS, Spain (AP) — Dutch rider Bauke Mollema won the 17th stage of the Spanish Vuelta in a sprint finish on Wednesday, while Vincenzo Nibali retained his overall lead.

Mollema, a 26-year-old Belkin-Pro rider, finished the 189-kilometer (117-mile) route from Calahorra to Burgos in 4 hours, 44 minutes, 28 seconds, just ahead of Norway's Edvald Boasson Hagen, who finished in the same time.

Lampre-Merida rider Maximiliano Ariel Richeze of Argentina was

third in the same time.

Italy's Nibali maintains a 28-second lead over second-place Christopher Horner of the United States who rides for Radioshack-Leopard.

"I am really happy, I was just thinking, 'this is my chance,' because I was up front with a small group of riders," Mollema said.

As riders began to approach Burgos, Nibali's teammate Diego Ulissi began an early charge away from the pack.

But the riders soon bunched up,

trying to place themselves tactically for the final sprint.

Paul Voss of Germany, riding for Netapp-Endura, broke away but was shadowed by Mollema, who then burst forward and maintained his sprint to the line.

"The speed dropped a bit and I decided I wanted to attack then and saw there was one guy from the Netapp-Endura team," Mollema said. "So I went behind him and then really kicked off and kept it up to the very end." □

Google loses appeal in Street View snooping case

MARTHA MENDOZA

AP National Writer

SAN JOSE, California (AP)

— A U.S. appeals court said Google wrongly collected people's personal correspondence and on-line activities through their Wi-Fi systems as it drove down their streets with car cameras shooting photos for its Street View mapping project.

The ruling that the practice violates wiretap laws sends a warning to other companies seeking to suck up vast amounts of data from unencrypted Wi-Fi signals. "The payload data transmitted over unencrypted Wi-Fi networks that was captured by Google included emails, usernames, passwords, images, and documents," wrote the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco in a report released Tuesday.

Google had argued that their activities were exempt from the wiretap law because data transmitted over a Wi-Fi network is a "radio communication" and is "readily accessible to the public."

Not so, wrote the judges, agreeing with an earlier federal judge's ruling.

"Even if it is commonplace for members of the general public to connect to a neighbor's unencrypted



In this Oct. 27, 2010 file photo, an employee drives a Google Maps Street View vehicle around Palo Alto, Calif. Internet giant Google's Street View project has raised privacy concerns in several countries. Attorneys suing Google for enabling its camera-carrying vehicles to collect emails and Internet passwords while photographing neighborhoods for the search giant's popular "Street View" maps look forward to resuming their case now that a U.S. appeals court has ruled in their favor. The U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco said Tuesday that Google went far beyond listening to accessible radio communication when they drew information from inside people's homes.

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Wi-Fi network, members of the general public do not typically mistakenly intercept, store, and decode data transmitted by other devices on the network," they said.

Google's Street View cars can be spotted with pole mounted cameras on their roofs, photographing along roadways the world over. The photos then show up on Google's popular

Street View map option, where viewers can virtually scroll along a street past homes, cars and shops, all captured in photographs. But unbeknownst to passers-by, those cameras weren't just making photos. They were also collecting detailed information transmitted over Wi-Fi networks they passed through. Privacy experts and industry watchers said this was

the first time an appeals court has ruled that it's illegal for a company to sniff out and collect private information from the Wi-Fi networks that provide Internet service to people at home. Google is also the first publically known company to try.

"This appeals court decision is a tremendous victory for privacy rights. It means Google can't suck up private communications from people's Wi-Fi networks and claim their Wi-Spying was exempt from federal wiretap laws," said John M. Simpson, Consumer Watchdog's privacy project director. "Because Google's Wi-Spy activity was so extensive, the potential damages could amount to billions of dollars." Marc Rotenberg, executive director of Electronic Privacy Information Center, called it "a landmark decision for Internet privacy."

"The court made clear that the federal privacy law applies to residential Wi-Fi networks," he said. "Users should be protected when a company tries to capture data that travels between their laptop and their printer in their home." A Google spokesperson

said Tuesday that attorneys for the Internet giant are "disappointed in the 9th Circuit's decision and are considering our next steps."

Attorney Elizabeth Cabraser, representing a class action of plaintiffs who say their privacy was invaded by Google said Tuesday they look forward to resuming their case now that a federal appeals court has ruled in their favor.

Google has apologized for the snooping, which it says took place between 2008 and March 2010. It promised to stop collecting the data and said the practice, conducted in more than 30 countries, was inadvertent but not illegal. Earlier this year Google settled a 37-state lawsuit for \$7 million after attorney generals sued over what they said was an invasion of privacy for the data collection.

The practice was discovered by a German data protection commissioner in 2010. A few months later, Google co-founder Sergey Brin told conference goers the firm had made a mistake.

"In short, let me just say that we screwed up," he said at the time. □

Wal-Mart to launch smartphone trade-in program

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP)

— Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is launching a smartphone trade-in program later this month that will help consumers trade up to the newest phones available. The world's biggest retailer said Tuesday that consumers will receive a credit from \$50 to \$300 when they trade in their working, undamaged phone.

The credit can be used toward the purchase of a new phone, with a selection of more than 100 devices to choose from.

This includes some smartphones with prepaid plans. Wal-Mart said that con-

sumers can receive \$300 credit for an Apple iPhone 5, \$175 for a Samsung Galaxy SIII and \$52 for a Samsung Galaxy S2.

Phones can be traded in at the electronics departments of more than 3,600 participating Walmart stores and Sam's Club locations in the U.S. Consumers will need to enter a two-year contract for the new phone with AT&T, Verizon Wireless or Sprint.

Steve Bratspies, executive vice president of general merchandise for Walmart U.S., said in a statement that trade-in programs are becoming more popular as

new devices launch more frequently and that shoppers are using the trade-in programs that will give them the biggest credit for their current phone.

The program starts on Sept. 21.

Wal-Mart Stores, based in Bentonville, Ark., has 10,995 stores in 27 countries.

It had fiscal 2013 sales of about \$466 billion. Its shares finished at \$73.51 in trading Monday.

Its shares have fallen from a 52-week high of \$79.96 per share on May 15. Its shares fell as low as \$67.37 on the last day of 2012. □

Verizon has biggest bond sale in history at \$49 billion

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Verizon raised \$49 billion on Wednesday in the largest

corporate bond deal ever. The sale dwarfs the previous record, Apple's sale of \$17 billion in bonds in April, and proceeds from

the sale on Wednesday will help Verizon buy the rest of its U.S. wireless business from partner Vodafone. That \$130 billion buyout of

Vodafone is expected to rank as the second-largest deal when completed. Along with the money from its bond sale, Verizon will use cash and stock to pay for the buyout.

Verizon's bond sale was huge in every way: The offering is nearly triple Apple's sale. The debt will come due at eight different times, from three to 30 years. Demand for the debt was high, a sign that investors are still interested in buying higher-yielding bonds. Despite the demand, Verizon did have to pay a hefty price to investors. It priced \$11 billion of its 10-year notes at a yield of 5.19 percent, according to a deal document obtained by The Associated Press. That is well above the 4.51 percent yield for similar bonds Verizon had issued previously. By comparison, investors are buy-

ing 10-year Apple bonds at a yield of 3.86 percent, a reflection of that company's near-pristine credit and \$147 billion in cash.

Verizon likely decided to pay higher interest rates because it needed to wrap up its \$130 billion buyout quickly, bond investors said. "(The buyout) is a big strategic deal for them and they needed the money," said Michael Collins, chief investment officer of Prudential Fixed Income, who bought Verizon bonds as part of Wednesday's sale. Verizon's massive bond sale comes at a critical time for bond investors. In June, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank was considering pulling back on its bond-buying program, which has kept interest rates at historic lows in an effort to stimulate the economy. □



A pedestrian uses her cell phone as she passes a Verizon Wireless store on Broadway in Lower Manhattan in New York. Verizon raised \$49 billion on Wednesday in the largest corporate bond deal ever. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)

Stocks rocket forward; iPhone disappointment hurts Apple

JOSHUA FREED

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Investors decided the risk of a conflict with Syria is shrinking and sent stock prices higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 135.54 points, or 0.9 percent, to 15,326.60 on Wednesday. A big decline in Apple and other technology companies held back the Standard & Poor's 500 index and the Nasdaq composite. The S&P 500 managed a small gain, its seventh in a row.

U.S. and Russian diplomats are working on a plan that would lead to Syria giving up chemical weapons that President Barack Obama says were used against civilians. Obama said the U.S. will explore a possible diplomatic solution, though the U.S. military remains ready to attack.

After a tough August, stocks have been rising in September. The S&P 500 is up 3.4 percent so far this month. Since September began, a U.S. strike on Syria has gone from seeming imminent to being something that may or may not ever happen.

The risk that a confron-

tation with Syria could spread means most investors would be happy if the U.S. doesn't act, said Cam Albright, director of asset allocation at Wilmington Trust Investment Advisors. "Markets are much more happy when they don't have to deal with that particular risk," he said.

The S&P 500 edged up 5.14 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,689.13. The Nasdaq composite fell 4.01 points, or 0.1 percent, to 3,725.01.

Disappointment over Apple's new iPhone line-up dragged down tech stocks. The two S&P 500 stocks with the biggest declines were Apple and the chip supplier Qualcomm, which makes the radio chip used in previous iPhones and is expected to make the chip used in the new iPhones, too.

Apple's new iPhones struck many as only a modest advance from previous models. Investors fretted that Apple is offering the phone's new operating system for free to people who already own older iPhones, removing an incentive to buy the new model. Also, some analysts

felt that Apple's lowest-priced iPhone — \$549 without a two-year cell phone contract — isn't cheap enough to win many buyers in emerging markets. There was a broad expectation that Apple would cut prices more and go for bigger market share, said

Wayne Lam, an analyst for IHS iSuppli, which tracks components used in electronics. Instead, they stuck with their business model of avoiding cheap versions of its products. "It's a proven business model, and good for them, but I think the expectation is that Apple

is losing market share and they're not innovating," he said. Apple fell \$26.93, or 5.4 percent, at \$467.71. Apple stock fell on Tuesday, too, after rising 11 percent in the month leading up to the announcement. Qualcomm fell \$2, or 2.9 percent, to \$68.09. □



A journalist holds up a newly introduced iPhone 5S during a media event held in Beijing, China, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013. For the first time since introducing the device that has reshaped technology and culture, Apple will offer two distinct versions of its latest iPhones - a cheaper model made of colorful plastic and another one that aims to be "the gold standard of smartphones" with a faster processor, fancier camera and fingerprint scanner for better security. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

US wholesale stockpiles rise 0.1% for July

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. wholesalers increased in their stockpiles only slightly in July after three monthly declines and their sales improved at the weakest pace in seven months. The Commerce Department said Wednesday that wholesale stockpiles rose just 0.1 percent in July from June. That followed a 0.3 percent decline in June. Sales rose just 0.1 percent in July, the smallest gain since December. Still, that's the fourth straight month that sales have risen.

Some economists had thought that wholesalers might ramp up their stockpiles in July after cutting them from April through July. The tiny increase could add to worries that the current July-September quarter is off to a weak start.

More restocking boosts factory production, driving overall economic growth. The economy grew at a 2.5 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter. Restocking by all businesses added 0.6 percentage points to growth in the second quarter, although the gain was driven by retailers, manufacturers and farmers.

Many economists believe growth is slowing in the July-September quarter to an annual rate of 2.3 percent, although a handful of July data suggest the figure could be weaker. In addition to the sluggish restocking, businesses cut spending on long-lasting manufactured goods and new-home sales plunged. Wholesale inventories are up 29.4 percent from the low point reached in September 2009, a period when businesses had been trimming stockpiles in the face of falling demand during the Great Recession.

For July, auto stockpiles rose 0.4 percent, furniture inventories increased 1 percent and machinery stockpiles rose 1.9 percent.

Davidoff Column:

Trading frenzy over oh-so-hot LinkedIn shares

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"When the ducks are quacking, feed them."

This was one reader's sardonic comment left on a Reuters Breakingviews commentary about high-flying LinkedIn's recent sale of stock worth \$1.2 billion at \$223 a share. It raises a question about such hyped share sales. They are no doubt good for LinkedIn and its advisers, but do they benefit LinkedIn shareholders? Or do they just feed a trading frenzy?

That shares of LinkedIn are on fire is not in doubt. LinkedIn went public at a price of \$45 a share in 2011. Since then, the stock price of the business-oriented social networking company has steadily risen, even as Facebook went through a troublesome initial public offering from which it is just recovering.

LinkedIn shares closed Tuesday at \$252.17. At that price, LinkedIn, which had just \$688 million in revenue for the first six months of its 2013 fiscal year, has a market value of nearly \$33 billion, according to Google Finance. As for earnings, something Silicon Valley typically scoffs at, LinkedIn actually makes money. Last quarter, it had net income of \$26 million - not much, but something.

LinkedIn is a real company with tremendous growth potential, but let's face it: With these earnings and revenue figures, LinkedIn's

stock price is in nosebleed territory. LinkedIn trades at a price-to-earnings ratio of 722. For comparison, Facebook stock trades at a ratio of 165 times price to earnings and Google 27 times price to earnings.

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at the price of \$92.24. Since then, Tesla stock has only gone higher. It now trades at \$166.37 a share, giving it a market capitalization of \$20 billion for a car company. Yes, a car company. Research on secondary stock offerings, offerings of stock once the company

thinks it is underpriced. That is why stock buybacks are all the rage on Wall Street. They are a signal to the market that the company's shares are underpriced. Indeed, one of the things that happened in the Tesla stock sale was that its founder, Elon Musk, bought an additional \$100 million of stock. This was no doubt deliberately done to ameliorate this well-known problem and send a countersignal to the market. After all, if management - and Musk at that - is buying part of the stock, the sale is more likely underpriced, not overpriced. Then again, Musk owns about 26 percent of Tesla, a stake now worth more than \$5 billion, so what's \$100 million more?

Secondary offerings are big business. According to Dealogic, \$184.3 billion worth of stock was sold last year in secondary offerings. But in most cases these were intended for specific purposes or otherwise just normal capital markets fundraisings.

But in the case of LinkedIn, and Tesla, too, these secondary offerings are different. They are sales in a trading mania. And make no mistake, there is a frenzy around these stocks, particularly Tesla. When a college student puts his entire savings of \$30,000 in Tesla and sees it go to \$250,000 but still doesn't sell - well, you know you have probably seen this movie before.



LinkedIn went public in 2011, and since then, the stock price of the business-oriented, social networking company has steadily risen, even as Facebook went through a troublesome initial public offering from which it is just recovering in 2013.

(Harry Campbell/The New York Times)

even superhot, is not unique. It is also not unusual to see technology companies with no earnings and not much revenue sell stock. We saw it in the Internet bubble.

In May, Tesla, the highest of all the high-flying stocks on the market right now, sold \$360 million worth of stock

has already traded, has shown that in general, they tend to underperform the market. That is not surprising. Management knows its company the best. Assuming it wants to maximize the value of its stock, management will sell stock when it thinks the stock is overpriced, and buy when it

French conglomerate Vivendi to weigh splitting up

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The French conglomerate Vivendi said Wednesday that its board was considering cleaving itself in two, months after it struck deals to sell big holdings in the video game maker Activision Blizzard and a Moroccan phone company.

In a statement, Vivendi said that it was considering a plan to essentially spin off its SFR cellphone service arm, leaving the company with its core media hold-

ings. Such a move would give SFR more freedom to consider deals and other strategic moves amid a sweeping overhaul of the telecommunications industry.

And it would leave Vivendi as an international media giant, whose businesses include the Universal Music Group, the giant of the music industry.

"The planned demerger would create significant value to shareholders as they would have the op-

portunity to invest in two clearly differentiated vehicles evaluated according to the specifics of their respective sectors," the company said in a statement.


The announcement Wednesday came after two already significant moves by Vivendi to slim itself down amid investor concerns for a broad overhaul of its corporate structure. In late July, the company announced that it would sell the bulk of its holdings in Activision Bliz-

zard back to the video game publisher for about \$8.2 billion.

Days earlier, Vivendi entered talks to sell its 53 percent stake in Maroc Telecom to the Emirates Telecommunications Corp. for about \$5.5 billion.

The company's board could decide on the breakup as soon as early next year, which would mean that shareholders could vote on it at the conglomerate's annual meeting.

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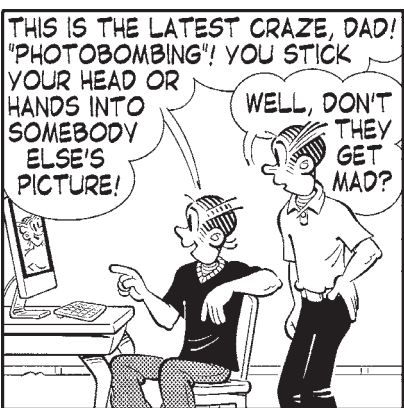
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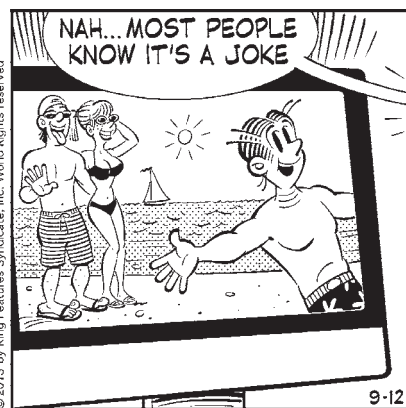
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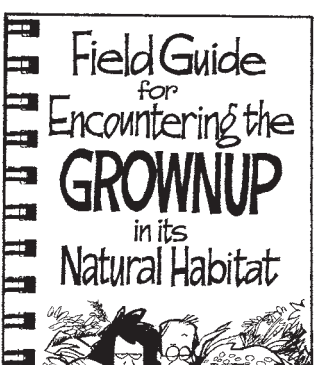
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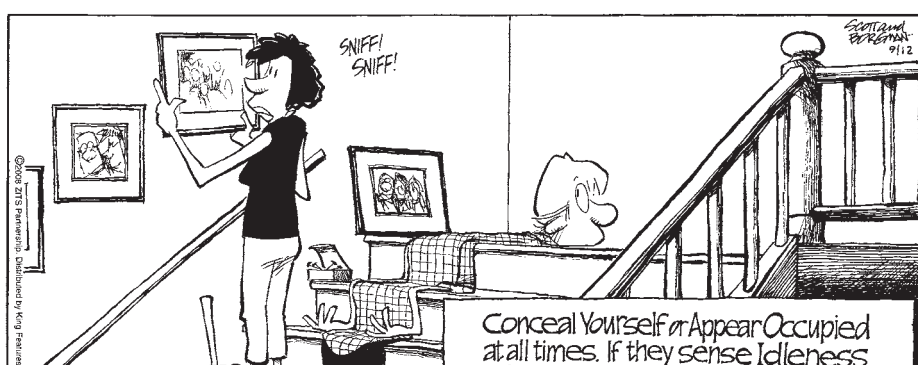
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 Play the guitar
6 Con game
10 Arden & Plumb
14 Africa's Sierra

- 15 Robust
16 Enclosed shopping area
17 Sworn statements
18 Leave out
19 "Guilty" or "Not guilty"
20 Enjoyment
22 Moral principles
24 Four and five
25 Width
26 ___ together; joined forces
29 Vessels on a florist's shelf
30 Run up a tab
31 Measuring stick
33 Wallace and Gullabree
37 ___-do-well; bum
39 Gung-ho
41 Ginger cookie
42 Deadly snake
44 West Point student
46 Go wrong
47 Blaring device on a police car
49 Nice-looking
51 Withdrew, as from the Union
54 One of the martial arts
55 Pressed
56 Ornamental backyard basin
60 First word in a warning
61 "The Farmer in the ___"
63 Zodiac sign
64 Live life on the ___; take risks
65 Malicious
66 Actress
67 Deceased
68 Afternoon rests

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11 Legally binding
12 Vote into office
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21 Inappropriate
23 Abound
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Jets, especially the rookies, cram for the Patriots

BEN SHPIGEL

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FLORHAM PARK, N.J. - Sheldon Richardson, the New York Jets' rookie defensive lineman, has this friend

starters selected four places apart in the first round, are acquainted with neither.

They, like quarterback Geno Smith, are, for the

said coach Rex Ryan told the team: "Everything is mental. Make sure you're mentally prepared."

The Jets are emphasizing the mental because, to

So Richardson, like Milliner, has immersed himself in film study and his play-book, knowing that he will have less time to think, to process. Richardson was heartened when Wilkerson told him how proud he was of him for not needing, or asking for, assistance with defensive calls against the Buccaneers, and he said he felt that pass-rushers in the two-minute drill could have an advantage as long as they stayed disciplined.

"Guys get to be a little repetitive when they're going that fast," said Richardson, referring to the blocking techniques of some offensive linemen. "They don't throw that much different at you, so you have to be creative and smart and be able to adjust on the fly."

Reading and reacting is an especially critical skill for Milliner, who is likely to be tested by Brady on Thursday night. Before even going over corrections from his performance against Tampa Bay, in which, according to game charting by ProFootballFocus.



New York Jets tight end Konrad Reuland (88) fumbles the ball after being hit by Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Emmanuel Acho (53) during the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, in East Rutherford, N.J.

(AP Photo/Bill Kestron)

back home in St. Louis. They are very close. They have been pals for years. They text all the time, talk when they can. Most weeks. Just not this one: His friend is a New England Patriots fan. "He's not my friend until later," Richardson said. "That's how this rivalry goes."

When the Jets drafted Richardson in April, he went on to say, he did not merely join the organization. He accepted all of the Jets' history and tradition, like their grudge against a New England team that has dealt them four consecutive losses, including an embarrassing result last Thanksgiving in similar circumstances as this next meeting: on Thursday night, with precious little time to prepare.

What would be considered stiff tests for the Jets under normal conditions - girding for the Patriots, for their sturdy defense and Tom Brady's fast-paced offense, and game-planning on a short week - are amplified when unified. Many of the players are familiar with both tasks, but Richardson and cornerback Dee Milliner, defensive

first time, cramming six days of preparation into three: three days of healing from a bruising season-opening victory against Tampa Bay, three days of analyzing New England's tendencies, three days of trying to make sense of a Bill Belichick defense. And so for Richardson, then, there is another reason for putting that friendship on hiatus, more practical than personal. He just does not have the time.

"It's different, very different, than what I'm used to going from Saturday to Saturday to Saturday in college," said Richardson, who played at Missouri. "Lucky for me, I have a high football IQ."

He said that with a smile, but even so. Unaccustomed to the swift turnaround, he solicited teammates for advice. Antonio Cromartie reminded Richardson that soaking in a cold tub - to alleviate muscle soreness and accelerate recovery - was essential. Dawan Landry urged him to get massages and the proper amount of sleep. Muhammad Wilkerson reiterated what he

keep players fresh, they held back on the physical, with fewer on-field repetitions and longer classroom periods. With the exception of a light session in shoulder pads and helmets Tuesday, practices this week amounted to glorified walk-throughs. That only intensifies the challenge of training for New England's offense, which seeks to create mismatches by limiting defensive substitutions.

However much the Jets try, they cannot simulate the pace of the Patriots, who when running their no-huddle offense tend to snap the ball, players said, with 18-22 seconds remaining on the play clock.

Up-tempo practices at Missouri furnished Richardson with a strong base, and he said that games against teams like Oklahoma, Texas A&M and Texas Tech provided valuable experience. Richardson also said he has increased his cardiovascular activities, if only by a little.

"You've got to be cognizant of the tempo," Ryan said, "but you've got to be cognizant of what you're seeing."

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NASA launches drones from to study storms

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ATLANTIC, Virginia (AP)

— NASA scientists are using former military surveillance drones to help them understand more about how tropical storms intensify, which they say could ultimately save lives by improving forecast models that predict a hurricane's strength.

The unmanned Global Hawk aircraft were designed to perform high-altitude, long-endurance reconnaissance and intelligence missions for the Air Force. Two of the original Global Hawks built in the developmental process for the military have found new life as part of NASA's research mission, studying storms that form over the Atlantic Ocean. NASA planned to launch one of the drones from its Wallops Flight Facility on Wednesday to study Tropical Storm Gabrielle, which re-formed in the Atlantic on Tuesday. "The biggest scientific question we're trying to attack is why do some hurricanes intensify very rapidly and why do others not intensify at all? In the last 20 years, we've made terrific progress in forecasting where hurricane tracks will go," said Paul Newman, deputy project scientist for the research mission. "But we've made almost no progress in the past 20 years in forecasting inten-



NASA's Global Hawk 872 Takes off for HS3 Science Flight #5 on Tuesday Sept. 4, 2012 less than 5 hours after NASA 871 landed at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Va. The flight of NASA 872 takeoff marks the first "back-to-back" flights of two Global Hawks in the same day for HS3.

sity."

More accurately predicting a storm's intensity would help government officials and coastal residents decide whether an evacuation is needed, as well as avoid developing a false sense of security among residents who frequently cite failed storm expectations as a reason not to leave their homes when warned to do so. There are two questions on which NASA scientists primarily want the drone research to focus. One is what role thunderstorms within a hurricane play in its intensification. Researchers

aren't sure if the thunderstorms are a driver of storm intensity or a symptom of it. The other is what role the Saharan Air Layer plays in the tropical storm development. The Saharan Air Layer is a dry, hot, dusty layer of air from Africa. Scientists have been at odds with each other over whether it helps hurricanes strengthen or does the opposite. One school of thought is that the Saharan Air Layer provides energy for storms to grow, while others have suggested it is a negative influence on storm growth because of the effect the dry air has on wet storms.

"There's a bit of a debate in terms of how important it is, one way or the other," said Scott Braun, a research meteorologist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, who is the drone project's principal investigator.

This is the second year NASA has launched Global Hawks from the Eastern Shore of Virginia, a strategic location that allows drones to spend plenty of time studying storms shortly after they form off the coast of Africa or as they approach the Caribbean Sea or Gulf of Mexico.

This year's mission will end later this month, and the third and final year of the project's flights will start again next August. NASA officials hope three years of flights will give them enough data to begin answering their questions.

The drones are considered advantageous over manned aircraft because they can fly for much longer periods of time than traditional research aircraft and at much greater altitudes. Global Hawks can spend up to 28 hours in the air at a time and reach altitudes up to 12.3 miles (19.8 kilometers), or roughly twice that of a typical commercial airliner.

By comparison, specially equipped P-3 Hurricane Hunter aircraft that fly directly into a storm typically do so at low altitudes of 1,000 to 10,000 feet (300 to 3,000 meters). Researchers say having a broad overview of a storm can help them understand things such as whether air moving away from a storm helps it intensify.

"As a Hurricane Hunter goes through a storm, they get very detailed information," Newman said. "Imagine that this (Global Hawk) will do kind of a cat scan of a hurricane, but Hurricane Hunters go in and it's like you're using a fine scalpel to look at the details of the patient, if you will." □

Soyuz capsule returns from space station

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soyuz capsule carrying three astronauts touched down to Earth early on Wednesday morning after undocking from the International Space Station following 166 days in space.

American Chris Cassidy and Russians Pavel Vinogradov and Alexander Misurkin emerged from the capsule in smiles on an unusually sunny day in Kazakhstan.

Live coverage from NASA, the U.S. space agency, first showed the shuttle parachuting to a safe and punctual landing. Helicop-

ters were then flown to the landing site, where medical and flight crews helped the three men disembark. The capsule undocked from the space station for a flight to Earth that took just over three hours. The three men blasted off from the Baikonur cosmodrome on March 29.

Each of the men was carried to reclining chairs, where they spent several minutes in order to acclimatize to Earth's gravity.

A NASA TV commentator said that crew members Misurkin and Cassidy would be taken to a medi-

cal center, where they will undergo various tests that could provide information for future flights.

Vinogradov, at 60 the oldest human ever to land in a Soyuz vehicle, would not take part in the same experiments.

Currently the Russian Fyodor Yurchikhin, Karen Nyberg of NASA and the Italian Luca Parmitano are tending the International Space Station until the arrival of a three-person crew scheduled to launch from Kazakhstan on Sept. 25.

The Soyuz is the only means for international astronauts



From left: Russian cosmonauts Alexander Misurkin, Pavel Vinogradov and U.S. astronaut Chris Cassidy walk for a press conference at the airport in Karaganda, Kazakhstan, Sept. 11, 2013.

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to reach the orbiting laboratory since the decommis-

sioning of the U.S. shuttle fleet in 2011. □

Kimmel: I'm the prankster behind twerking video

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jimmy Kimmel confessed to being the prankster behind a staged twerking accident video, saying his revelation might bring an end to the suggestive up-and-down rump-busting dance move. Maybe, maybe not. It also remains to be seen whether the clip of a woman apparently set afire while twerking causes TV news programs and other shows to be more cautious about airing unverified videos. Kimmel admitted on his ABC late-night show Monday that he had created the YouTube clip that drew more than 9 million views in less than a week. He introduced stuntwoman Daphne Avalon, who played fictional, ill-fated twerker Caitlin Heller.

"To the conspiracy theorists on the Internet who thought the video was

fake, you're right: The video was fake, we made it up," Kimmel said.

Hundreds of news outlets were punked into showing it, he said. Kimmel marveled that some even pinned the blame for the mishap on Miley Cyrus, who brought twerking to the fore with her sexually provocative performance on last month's MTV Video Music Awards.

"Good thing nothing is happening in Syria right now," Kimmel said, taking a jab at the newscasts that gave his video airtime.

In the clip posted last week, a young woman's twerking ends in screams as she topples into a table with burning candles. "I tried making a sexy twerk video for my boyfriend and things got a little too hot," reads a comment accompanying the video. On "Jimmy Kimmel Live" Monday, the host introduced the rest of

the clip that showed him bursting into the woman's living room — dressed in a pink top and black yoga pants to match hers — and dousing her with a fire extinguisher. "All part of the job, ma'am," Kimmel says, giving a thumbs-up to the camera. TV news directors should have done their homework before airing the clip, said Eric Deggans, TV and media critic for the Tampa Bay (Florida) Times and recently announced TV critic for National Public Radio. "Too often, especially on morning shows and cable shows not considered 'hard news' shows, they wind up running videos and commenting like they are accurate," Deggans said. But the programs often have no idea who posted the video or how or why it was produced, he said.

While viewers are aware many viral videos are fake, when they see one aired



This undated publicity photo released by ABC shows host Jimmy Kimmel, right, with guest, Daphne the "Twerk" Girl, on the Emmy Award-nominated "Jimmy Kimmel Live," Sept. 9, 2013 show.

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widely on TV the likely reaction is, 'Oh, it must be true. All these places are airing it,'" Deggans said. "But none has checked it out." Some newscasters and talk show hosts hedged their bets, saying it could be a fake.

In a clip "sampler," Kimmel highlighted the video's use by, among others, HLN,

ABC and several local Fox stations.

Kimmel's show has feasted on in-house videos before, including faux romantic encounters involving Kimmel, his former girlfriend Sarah Silverman, Ben Affleck and Matt Damon. But those aired as obvious parodies on "Jimmy Kimmel Live," not as online pranks. □

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Clint Eastwood's wife files for legal separation

MONTEREY, California (AP) — Clint Eastwood's second wife has filed for legal separation from the actor and director.

Dina Eastwood's petition filed in Monterey County Superior Court on Monday seeks spousal support and physical custody of the couple's 16-year-old daughter, Morgan. The Monterey County Herald reports the petition also indicated the couple had a premarital agreement.

The Eastwoods have been married since 1996 and lived in Carmel. They met when she was as-

signed to interview him for her TV news station.

Clint Eastwood was married once before, to Maggie Johnson, from 1953 to 1984. □



U.S. Director Clint Eastwood, right, arrives with his wife, Dina on the red carpet for the UK premiere of Invictus at London's Leicester Square, in this Jan. 31, 2010 file photo.

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Musicians to bring Latin sounds to White House

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Gloria Estefan, Ricky Martin, Arturo Sandoval and other musicians are bringing their Latin sounds to the White House next week.

The latest "In Performance at the White House" program will be taped Monday and will showcase Latin music during Hispanic Heritage Month.

The White House says Lila Downs, Raul Malo, Price Royce, Romeo Santos, Alejandro Sanz, Natalie Cole and Marco Antonio Solis also are expected to join President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, to help highlight a variety of styles of Latin music.

The entire program will be streamed live on <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live> on Monday. □



Gloria Estefan performs on Day 1 of the People en Espanol 2013 festival at the Alamodome, Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013, in San Antonio.

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Winehouse celebrated in her London spiritual home

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LONDON (AP) — Amy Winehouse lived and died in north London's Camden neighborhood — and in the month that she would have turned 30, her presence is still being celebrated.

The beehived diva's spray-painted image adorns several Camden walls, and fans still flock to the area more than two years after her 2011 death from accidental alcohol poisoning at age 27.

Winehouse got her start amid the pubs and clubs of Camden, so local businesses are holding a series of events this month to raise money for the Amy Winehouse Foundation, a charity set up by the singer's family.

An exhibition opening Thursday at the Proud art gallery includes photographs of the singer — many taken in Camden — along with paintings, sketches, graffiti art and the street sign from the square where she died at home, which is covered with tributes from fans.

"Camden meant everything to Amy, and Camden recognizes that," the singer's father, Mitch Winehouse said Wednesday at a preview of the show.

Other events for the charity, which helps young people nurture their love of music and steer clear of drugs, are a pop-up shop selling Winehouse-themed merchandise, an Amy Winehouse walking tour, benefit gigs and a charity skydive by the singer's mother, Janis. A bronze statue of the singer is soon to be erected at the Roundhouse concert hall, where she gave her final public performance.

Camden has been home to bands from Madness to Blur, and to rock stars including Coldplay's Chris Martin and Noel Gallagher of Oasis.

Camden Mayor Jonathan Simpson said the area, which has dozens of music venues, is "the rock 'n' roll capital of the U.K., if not the world."

"Amy is so synonymous with Camden," he said. "There's a real sense of pride in her



Janis and Mitch Winehouse mother and father of the late British singer Amy pose for the media, in front of portraits of their daughter at the Proud gallery in Camden, London, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013.

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legacy locally. "

Yet if Camden was the making of Winehouse, it also was the scene of her undoing.

Alongside a lively nightlife, the area has a reputation as a place to buy and consume drugs. Winehouse, who overcame a drug

problem before she died but failed to conquer alcohol, was a well-known customer of several local bars. Many of the photos in the exhibition appear poignant now — particularly a series from 2004 showing a healthy-looking Winehouse far removed from the

gaunt, heavily tattooed figure of later years.

"People say, well, Camden is a troubled place, it was trouble for Amy," said Mitch Winehouse. "It wasn't Camden. It was circumstances that surrounded Amy."

"It's a place of love. She loved it." □

Who Do You Trust?



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WASHINGTON - Vladimir Putin, who keeps Edward Snowden on a leash and lets members of a riotous girl band rot in jail, has thrown President Barack Obama a lifeline.

The Russian president had coldly brushed back Obama on Snowden and Syria, and only last week called John Kerry a liar.

Now, when it is clear Obama can't convince Congress, the American public, his own wife, the world, Liz Cheney or even Donald "Shock and Awe" Rumsfeld to bomb Syria - just a teensy-weensy bit - Pooty-Poot (as W. called him) rides, shirtless, to the rescue, offering him a face-saving way out?

If it were a movie, we'd know it was a trick. We can't trust the soulless Putin - his Botox has given the former KGB officer even more of a poker face - or the heartless Bashar Assad. By Tuesday, Putin the Peacemaker was already setting conditions.

Just as Obama and Kerry - with assists from Hillary and some senators - were huffing and puffing that it was their military threat that led to the breakthrough, Putin moved to neuter them, saying they'd have to drop their military threat before any deal could proceed. The administration's saber-rattling felt more like knees rattling. Oh, for the good old days when Obama was leading from behind. Now these guys are leading by slip-of-the-tongue.

Amateur hour started when Obama dithered on Syria and failed to explain the stakes there. It escalated in August 2012 with a slip by the methodical wordsmith about "a red line for us" - which the president and Kerry later tried to blur as the world's red line, except the world was averting its eyes.

Obama's flip-flopping, ambivalent leadership led him to the exact place he never wanted to be: unilateral instead of unified. Once again, as with gun control and other issues, he had not done the groundwork necessary to line up support.

The bumbling approach climaxed with two off-the-cuff remarks by Kerry, hitting a rough patch in the role of a lifetime, during a London press conference Monday; he offered to forgo an attack if Assad turned over "every single bit of his chemical weapons to the international community" and promised, if they did strike, that it would be an "unbelievably small" effort.

A State Department spokeswoman walked back Kerry's first slip,

but once the White House realized it was the only emergency exit sign around, Kerry walked back the walking back, claiming at a congressional hearing Tuesday that he did not "misspeak." The president countered Kerry's second slip with NBC's Savannah Guthrie on Monday night, declaring that "The U.S. does not do pinpricks," which Kerry parroted at the hearing Tuesday, declaring that "We don't do pinpricks." For good measure, Obama, in his address to the nation Tuesday night, made sure the world knew: "The United States military doesn't do pinpricks."

Where the mindlessly certain W. adopted a fig leaf of diplomacy to use force in Iraq, the mindfully uncertain Obama is adopting a fig leaf of force to use diplomacy in Syria.

Even as Democrats tiptoed away from the red line, eager to kick the can of sarin down the road, their own harsh rhetoric haunted them. Kerry compared Assad to Hitler last week, and Harry Reid evoked "Nazi death camps" on the Senate floor Monday.

Again, an echo of the misbegotten Iraq. Making his hyperbolic case for war, W. was huffy with Germans on a visit in 2002, irritated that they did not seem to grasp the horror of "a dictator who gassed his own people," as he put it to a Berlin reporter.

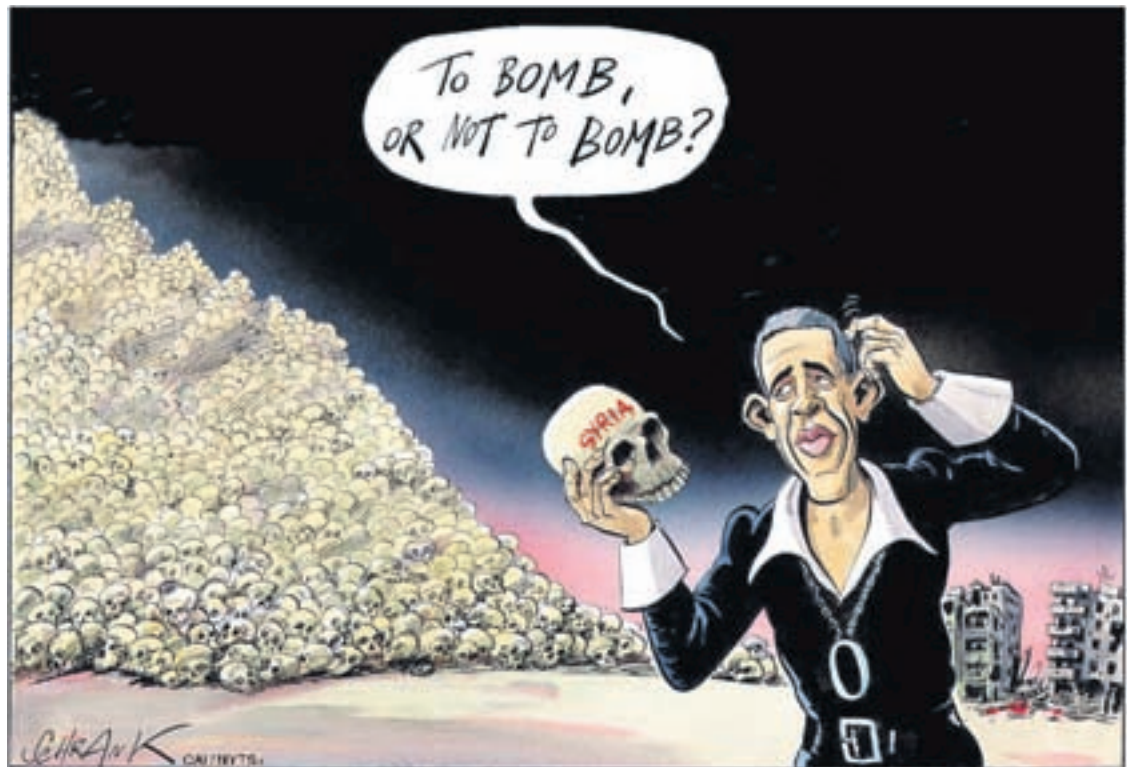
Obama cried over the children of Newtown, Conn. He is stricken, as he said in his address Tuesday, by "images of children writhing in pain and going still on a cold hospital floor" from "poison gas." He thought - or thought he thought - that avenging the gassing was the right thing to do. But W., once more haunting his successor's presidency, drained credibility, coffers and compassion.

While most Americans shudder at the news that 400 children have been killed by a monster, they recoil at the Middle East now; they've had it with Shiites vs. Sunnis, with Alawites and all the ancient hatreds.

Kerry can bluster that "we're not waiting for long" for Assad to cough up the weapons, but it will be hard for him to back it up, given that a new NBC/Wall Street Journal poll indicates that Joe Sixpack is now a peacenik; in 2005, 60 percent of Republicans agreed with W. that America should foster democracy in the world; now only 19 percent of Republicans believe it.

W., Dick Cheney and Rumsfeld launched a social engineering scheme to change the mindset in the Middle East about democracy and the mindset at home about the post-Vietnam reluctance to be muscular about imposing our values through war.

They did manage to drastically change the mind-set in the Middle East and at home, but in the opposite way than they intended. In a crouch after 9/11, the country was happy to punish an Arab villain, even the wrong one. That mass delusion, plus the economic vertigo, has sent Americans into a permanent crouch. And that's too bad. □



What The GOP Doesn't Know...



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Over the weekend, Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming delivered the weekly Republican address. He ignored Syria, presumably because his party is deeply conflicted on the issue. (For the record, so am I.) Instead, he demanded repeal of the Affordable Care Act. "The health care law," he declared, "has proven to be unpopular, unworkable and unaffordable," and he predicted "sticker shock" in the months ahead.

So, another week, another denunciation of Obamacare. Who cares? But Barrasso's remarks were actually interesting, although not in the way he intended. You see, all the recent news on health costs has been good. So Barrasso is predicting sticker shock precisely when serious fears of such a shock are fading fast. Why would he do that?

Well, one likely answer is that he hasn't heard any of the good news. Think about it: Who would tell him?

My guess, in other words, was that Barrasso was inadvertently illustrating the widening "wonk gap" - the GOP's near-complete lack of expertise on anything substantive. Health care is the most prominent example, but the dumbing down extends across the spectrum, from budget issues to national security to poll analysis. Remember, Mitt Romney and much of his party went into Election Day expecting victory.

About health reform: Barrasso

was wrong about everything, even the "unpopular" bit, as I'll explain in a minute. Mainly, however, he was completely missing the story on affordability.

For the truth is that the good news on costs just keeps coming in. There has been a striking slowdown in overall health costs since the Affordable Care Act was enacted, with many experts giving the law at least partial credit. And we now have a good idea what insurance premiums will be once the law goes fully into effect; a comprehensive survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation finds that on average premiums will be significantly lower than those predicted by the Congressional Budget Office when the law was passed.

But do Republican politicians know any of this? Not if they're listening to conservative "experts," who have been offering a steady stream of misinformation. All those claims about sticker, for example, come from obviously misleading comparisons. For example, supposed experts compare average insurance rates under the new system, which will cover everyone, with the rates currently paid by a handful of young, healthy people for bare-bones insurance. And they conveniently ignore the subsidies many Americans will receive.

At the same time, in an echo of the Romney camp's polling fantasies, other conservative "experts" are creating false impressions about public opinion. Just after Kaiser released a poll showing a strong majority - 57 percent - opposed to the idea of defunding health reform, the Heritage Foundation put out a poster claiming that 57 percent of Americans want reform defunded. Did the experts at Heritage simply read the numbers upside down? No, they claimed, they were referring to some other poll. Whatever really happened, the practical

effect was to delude the right-wing faithful.

And the point is that episodes like this have become the rule, not the exception, on the right. How many Republicans know, for example, that government employment has declined, not risen, under President Barack Obama? Certainly Sen. Rand Paul was incredulous when I pointed this out to him on TV last fall. On the contrary, he insisted, "the size of growth of government is enormous under President Obama" - which was completely untrue but was presumably what his sources had told him, knowing that it was what he wanted to hear.

For that, surely, is what the wonk gap is all about. Political conservatism and serious policy analysis can coexist, and there was a time when they did. Back in the 1980s, after all, health experts at Heritage made a good-faith effort to devise a plan for universal health coverage - and what they came up with was the system now known as Obamacare.

But that was then. Modern conservatism has become a sort of cult, very much given to conspiracy theorizing when confronted with inconvenient facts. Liberal policies were supposed to cause hyperinflation, so low measured inflation must reflect statistical fraud; the threat of climate change implies the need for public action, so global warming must be a gigantic scientific hoax. Oh, and Mitt Romney would have won if only he had been a real conservative.

It's all kind of funny, in a way. Unfortunately, however, this runaway cult controls the House, which gives it immense destructive power - the power, for example, to wreak havoc on the economy by refusing to raise the debt ceiling. And it's disturbing to realize that this power rests in the hands of men who, thanks to the wonk gap, quite literally have no idea what they're doing. □

HEY, LOOK WHAT I'M DOING NOW

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NEW YORK - When it comes to Fashion Week, the term "trend" is fraught. Mere mention of the T-word can cause eyes to glaze and tepid discussion to ensue. So let's call the grooming and makeup that has stood out for us at New York Fashion Week something else. "Beauty blips," perhaps? First blip: hair that was done to look undone. "We had the very straight hair of the early '90s, and then I remember working on the cover for Madonna's 'Ray of Light,' where we did this very curled hair," said hairstylist Orlando Pita, who worked on the Derek Lam show. "But that was what, 1998? Women are still doing the bouncy, curled hair. Mothers are starting to look like their daughters. Those barrel-curl days have got to go." Instead, Pita created a loose S-wave for Lam's models, using an over-size curling iron by T3, and pulled the hair into a low ponytail. "We're cleansing the palette here," Pita said. "It's very natural, like second-day hair." For added hold and texture, Odile Gilbert, who also

created free-form waves for the Thakoon show (but left long and loose) worked in mousse and then dry shampoo by Kerastase, for whom she's a lead stylist. "It's not complicated," she said. In fact, many editors attending the shows were already skipping the typical Fashion Week blowout. "It's part of that whole downtown cool phenomenon," said Britt Aboutaleb, editorial director of the beauty site Byrdie.com. "No one wants to look like they're trying too hard, and nothing says you're trying too hard like a blowout." She was less keen on the severely center-parted, slicked crown and dry ends combination at Richard Chai and Suno. "Editorially, it'll probably photograph well, but in real life?" she said, eyebrows raised. At Chai's show, lead stylist Kevin Ryan described the effect "as if someone dumped water on top of your head." For those wishing to try it out, the wet finish was achieved using Aveda men's pomade, Ryan said, which has some bend to it. There was also a wet do at Prism's presentation, which Janelle Chaplin, the creative director



A model displays polished nail art created by the Sally Hansen nail team at the Prabal Gurung fashion show in New York.

(Elizabeth Lippman/The New York Times)

at O&M (a relative newbie backstage), said was androgynous and could be achieved with copious amounts of styling cream and shine serum. If all this leaves you scratching your head, pull your strands into a low ponytail as Guido Palau did for Victoria Beckham's runway, holding it back by a black headband that, he said, "feels rather timeless." There was also a gender-bending, no-fuss quality to makeup at several collections. At Alexander Wang, Diane Kendal used NARS moisturizer, lip balm,

concealer and brow gel and called it an evening. It was probably similar to any model's routine off the runway. "I do prefer to keep it simple when I'm not working," said Jourdan Dunn. "I'm usually not wearing much and I'll head out the door." When it came to color, the big news, such as it is, was matte. Del Pozo's models had bright cornflower blue on the top lid and daffodil yellow on the lower lash line. A couple of days before, Maki Ryoke used flat lavender and mint green shadows by MAC Cosmetics on Costello Tagliapietra's models to convey youth, she said. "Usually as we get older we settle more on a look and are less playful with color," she said. "But like my daughter, she's trying colors out still, and youth and playfulness were the ideas behind the clothes." Foundation also skewed matte, especially for evening. "It's opposite of the usual spring assumption, which is dewy," makeup artist Tom Pecheux said backstage at Altuzarra. "We're going for matte, not caky. Apply only a thin layer of foundation." He extended the texture to the lips, painting them red and then tapping on red pigment powder for a "velvety effect." Eyes might get a wash of

white shadow. "Only to the upper lid," Pecheux said. "If you apply all around, you'll look like a panda - a reverse one." In fact, the NARS Iceland shadow duo, white-silvers with blue and green hints, was popular at several shows, including Creatures of the Wind, Carmen Marc Valvo and 3.1 Phillip Lim. Maybelline also has a lower-priced version, the Eye Studio Color Tattoo cream-gel shadow in Too Cool, drawn on in a cat-eye shape at Tibi. On the mouth, there was lots of orange, most distinctively at Creatures. Later, at Gurung's show, Charlotte Tilbury applied a vibrant tomato-red ("wild and wacky," she said) to some of the models. And at Rag & Bone, Gucci Westman for Revlon created a traffic-stopping orange that was nearly glow-in-the-dark. "It's obviously for the runway," Westman said. "It's not for every woman." Where have we heard that before? "Runway beauty is about a look that has maximum impact and doesn't need to last very long," Aboutaleb said. "How many women would look good with neon orange lips or walk out the door without any mascara on, which has been the runway look since last season?" □



A model walks the runway, displaying the 2014 spring collection at the Rag & Bone fashion show in New York, Sept. 6, 2013. Stylists are exploring all options during fashion week, to include "blips," which make stylings appear undone.

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